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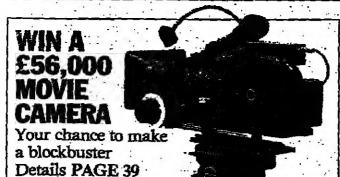
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By Michael Binyon DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

The news comes a day after

The Department of Trade

The Foreign Office, which

political and economic pres-

Yesterday, however, a spokesman said he saw "no

contradiction" in the promo-

a time when political relations

tion of British trade in Iran at

were deteriorating. He said

"critical dialogue" was still the

European Union's policy to-

About ten British firms are

sure on Tehran.

Howard seeks to overturn defeat

Peers reject mandatory sentencing

By Frances Gibb and James Landale

MICHAEL HOWARD last changes to his tough new sentencing plans after the Government suffered an eight-vote defeat on its law and order policy in the Lords.

A line-up of peers former Tory ministers and judges, including three past and present Lord Chief Justices, backed a cross-party move giving judges greater sentenc-ing discretion. The changes give judges power to set aside the manda-

minimum sentences which the Crime (Sentences Bill would impose on persistent burglars and drug dealers if they felt the fixed penalties

would be unjust.

Lord Bingham of Cernhill,
the Lord Chief Justice, leading the judicial attack on the plans, said judges simply wanted the power not to impose a senience which was offensive" to their moral consciences and professional judgment. The Home, Secretary immediately condemned carried by 180 votes to 172 warning that they put at risk the Government's law and

order measure. The move showed that Labour could not be trusted on crime, he said. It would "completely undermine the tough and effective action againstprofessional burglars which is

contained in the Crime Bill". I are going to reverse this amendment because it drives a coach and horses through the provisions of the Bill," he

told Channel Four news. Baroness Blatch, the Home Office Minister who led for the Government in the Lords, said the move would undermine Government efforts to protect



Bingham: led attack

the public from persistent offenders. "Burglars and drug dealers will rejoice at these amendments," she said. The defeat was the second

inflicted by the Lords on the Government in the past two weeks. The other was over Mr Howard's plans for new police

bugging powers. Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone, the former Conservative Lord Chancellor and Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, former Tory education minister, were among those helping the Gov-

ernment to its defeat. It opens up the prospect of a further defeat of the Government in the Commons in the run-up to the election if no compromise can be reached. But Labour, who did not oppose the Bill in the Commons, will risk accusations of being soft on crime if they fail to support it when it comes

before MPs again. Instead, Labour hope Mr Howard will now come under pressure from senior Tories. who have already voiced their concern about the Bill, to make concessions to ensure the safe passage of the measure before the election.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said last night: "I repeat my offer to the the same constructive discussion on this Lords defeat as he and I had on the Police Bill." The amendments preserved the idea of minimum senteuces, he said, but made the Bill workable.

Last night's defeat came over one of the Bill's most controversial measures: proposals for mandatory minimum sentences of three years for repeat (third time) domestic buglars and seven for drug

The Bill also introduces automatic life sentences for second-time violent and sexual offenders and abolishes the

present system of parole.

Lord Bingham, with his predecessors Lord Taylor of Gosforth and Lord Lane sitting near by, said that passing sentence was not a mechanicai task", and drawing up rules of thumb was not the

against the Government. The Labour amendment was also backed by 13 past and present law lords, 77 Labour peers, 41 Liberal Democrats, 37 crossbenchers, and the Bishops of Birmingham and

Hereford. The defeat was widely welcomed by the Law Society, Bar and penal groups. Paul Cavadino, chair of the Penal Affairs Consortium which represents 33 criminal justice bodies, said the Lords had "struck a blow for fairness and justice in sentencing."

Peter Riddell, page 11 with a friendly smile as she Leading article, page 21 stopped her car at a check-



Lorraine McElroy, who was injured in the shooting in Bessbrook. "My heart aches for the family," she said

'I keep seeing soldier's smile'

BY NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE woman who narrowly escaped death in the IRA niper attack in Co. Armagh gave a harrowing account vesterday of how Lance Bombardier Stephen Rosterick was shot in the back as he stood

smiling at her. Lorraine McElroy, 35. a Roman Catholic, was taken to hospital in the same ambulance as the soldier. That was probably the most horrific thing I have ever endured in my life because I watched a young man dying. I just wanted to go and hold him because he was so alone and

he was dying." Mrs McElroy, who suffered a ricochet wound to her head, said the soldier greeted her with a friendly smile as she

point. She said she was familiar with reports of soldiers being killed in Northern Ireland, but said there was nothing that could prepare her for watching a friendly young

horrific was that he was smiling at me. Last night when we got home all I could think of was his face smiling at me. My heart just breaks for his family."



Stephen Restorick: shot as he smiled at family

Bessbrook, Co Armagh, ricocheted off his rifle before grazing Mrs McElroy above her left eye. She said: "I actually thought that I had been shot and my hus

thought the same." Mrs McElroy said she was driving home from a trip to buy ice cream with her husband, Tony, also 35, and their two children, David, one, and Sean, 13. They were flagged down by L/Bdr Rosterick at the checkpoint. "When it came to ourselves the soldier recognised us. He would always smile and say hello to the baby in the back of the car. He took my driving licence and was literally handing it back to me and smiling and saying thanks when it happened. There was a crack and Continued on page 2, col 5

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expected to take part in the fair and the DTI will offer logistical support. A Foreign Office man said it would offer help "if asked". Under legislation intro-duced in the US Congress by

Senator Alfonse D'Amato and signed into law last August, any foreign company that invests heavily in Iran's energy sector is liable to sanctions in America. However, this legislation has not yet been enforced against any com-

The Foreign Office yester day said that there had been no US pressure on Britain to curb trade with Iran.

Army backs fatwa, page 14

Beijing tension

Tension continued in Beijing as Seoul sent a delegation for talks with Chinese officials about the North Korean official taking refuge in a South Korean diplomatic com-



Romantic John outwoos Tony | Woman points gun at judges

BY ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR reveals in a Valentine's Day interview today that marriage to Norma was the most significant event of his life and far more important than becoming Prime Minister.

Tony Blair, who has been married to Cherie for 16 years compared with the 26-year union of John and Norma, is much less romantic. Asked in Cosmopolitan magazine. which features the Labour leader in its directory of the 100 sexiest men alive, which

was the most significant event of his life, he replied: "Becoming the Labour Party leader."

Mr Major told Cosmopoli-tan: "It's trite but true. Marrying Norma is the single most significant event of my life. I was married to Norma long before I became Prime Minister. I will be married to Norma long after I cease to be Prime Minister."

The party leaders both agreed to the interviews with the women's magazine as part of their effort to raise their appeal with women voters. Mr Major wore a grey suit for his interview while Mr Blair

was more relaxed in khaki trousers and denim shirt at his

Islington home. The Prime Minister, chal-lenged about his grey image, denied he had been to an image consultant. They are all booked up with the Labour Party," he said. Mr Blair clearly has not taken advantage of their services. When asked whether his shirt was from Gap, he said: "It's not actually. I bought this from

> Tracing suspects, page 5 Valeric Grove, page 19 als spilled out on to the Valentines, pages 24, 25 pavement in The Strand as the

By RICHARD DUCE AND FRANCES GIBS

A WOMAN was on the run last night after she threatened three senior judges with a gun and sparked a huge security alert at the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

The Victorian Gothic buildings were sealed off for more than four hours as armed police searched seven miles of corridors in a fruitless hunt for the woman. Hundreds of bewigged judges, barristers wearing robes and court officials spilled out on to the

courts were evacuated. All legal business for the day was

abandoned. The incident, in oakpannelled Court number seven, has raised concerns over security at the courts, even if the weapon, which witnesses described as resembling a Luger pistol, proves to have been imitation.

The alert began at about 12.20pm yesterday when the woman, wearing a green anorak, walked forward from the public gallery holding the gun in front of her in a doublehanded police-style grip.

accent: "I want my appeal heard now. I want my children. If I'm not heard. I will shoot the judges." The bench had been in the

middle of handing down judgment in a criminal appea unconnected with the woma Mr Justice Mance slipped out of court by a rear door to raise the alarm, leaving behind Mrs Justice Bracewell and Lord Justice Beldam, who tried to calm the woman.

After brandishing the gun at the judges for some three minutes, the woman left by the



One thing's certain it's not Douglas



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Tune in, fade out, as the Commons stars play it safe with repeats

Thythin yesterday betrayed much. A last-minute our European partners" (or change of vocabulary spoke volumes. The leggy Economhad been slightly disconcerted by the arrival of the Prime Minister, for Questions, just before the end of Treasury Questions where she was fielding the last inquiry. Wishing to explain the position on the ... Continent, she began her sentence: "So many of our

her. Almost certainly she had intended to say "so many of "ailies" or even "friends") but, on second thoughts, was 'that the right word? Was European partnership courant as an ideal these days? What was the Cabinet compromise on this? Had she

missed an internal memo? She could have tipped over the other way, and gone for "our European rivals" (or "en-'emies" or even "foes") but this, too, might displease the Prime. Minister, and would certainly

Clarke What should Mrs

Knight do? "So many," she said, "of our European .fs2 . 'er ... coun-" Especially in politics, there is refuge in gibberish. Or in repetition. It has been

rightly said that a statesman ing himself and contradicting himself. Yesterday Tony Blair asked the same question that he has asked at least twice before, about BSE in cattle what was the Government going to do about it? - and MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

John Major replied with the same accusations he always dishes out on these occasions: that the Opposition should 'stop undermining British agri-culture, at this sensitive

have decided that the safest course for each is to stage a rerun of favourite Dispatch Box exchanges from recent years - a sort of These You Have Loved, or House of Commons Gold - from now until the election.

There were a couple of variations on the theme. The Labour leader managed to mention Northern Ireland in his question. This was presumably with an eye to possible Unionist support in the coming debate on the

who in the past has accused the Shadow Health Secretary, Harriet Harman, of aggravating the BSE health scare, now appears to have decided that she caused it almost single-

A viral infection in cattle? Contaminated feed? Species cross-over to humans? Nothing of the sort! The whole thing was caused by Mrs

To loud Tory cheers behind him. Mr Major said that it was her attempt "to stoke up a

the bills that Britain now had to pay for cattle slaughter.
Where is she?" shouted

Government- backbenchers. Too modest to appear,

It really is quite an achievement by this unassuming middie-class lady from Peckham to have wrecked the nation's livestock industry with one remark - "public confidence is hanging by a thread - in the Commons chamber.

There was another small change in Mr Major's script, yesterday. Tony Blair asked the cost of the crisis had now reached £3.36 hillion.

"Yes," said Major, that was For a second, Mr Blair. looked quite taken aback. It was as if the stage prompt had

given the PM the wrong line. He was supposed to ignore the question, whereupon the Labour leader's script directed him to taunt the PM for evasion. But he had not ignoted the question. What was Blair to do?

Easy. He ignored the

Judge backs

boy, 9, over

foster care

upheld a nine-year-old boy's ight to say who he wants to Scott Baker criticised Devon social services for threaten

a foster couple with jail unle

The boy had lived with the couple for 2½ years and was

happy they were going to adopt him. Nobody had asked the child's opinion be-

fore deciding he should be handed back to a previous

foster couple be had not seen

for over two years. The judge ruled that the boy's wishes

and feelings were paramount

No link between

officers' deaths

Peter Curran, 38, a prison officer from Whitemoor jail, Cambridgeshire, found dead

they gave up the child.

Ex-minister attacks leak 'shambles' in conduct committee

A FORMER Tory minister called last night for the inter-rogation of senior colleagues on oath as part of a public inquiry into leaks from a ommons disciplinary com-

Richard Ryder, a former Chief Whip, claimed that an MP on the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee had rold journalists that he was criticised in a report. Mr Ryder demanded that the !! committee members should be interviewed publicly to discov-er which MP had leaked details of the report before its publication yesterday:

The report does not criticise Mr Ryder by name but says that the Whips' office that he headed had made a mistake in 1994 which had damaged the work of an earlier disciplinary

Mr Ryder wrote to Tony Newton, the committee chairman, demanding that the committee carry out a full investigation into "this shambles" before it conducted a bigger inquiry into allegations against Neil Hamilton, the former Trade Minister accused of accepting cash pay-ments to table Commons

His intervention, and the threat of legal action against



Ryder: said an MP had eaked criticism of him

Mitchell, a Social Security minister, of improper behavas a government whip on an' earlier disciplinary committee investigating claims against Mr Hamilton, was accused by Labour of using his position in 1994 to try to influence fellow Tory MPs on the committee:

The committee, which comprises senior MPs of the three main parties, accepted Mr. Mitchell's assurances that he had never used his whip's position to influence Tories while serving on the Members' Interests Committee, but had served simply as a backbench MP. Five Tories who served on the now defunct committee wrote in support of his assurances.

Mr Mitchell told the Stan-. dards and Privileges Commitreport, which cleared Andrew last month that he had not whip to his committee.

bers' Interests Committee was a quasi-judicial committee. However, yesterday's cross-party report said: "We consider that all members should have been aware that the Members' Interests Select Committee was a quasi-judi-

cial committee." The report reserved its main criticism for the decision to appoint a whip to the committee. "Whips are particularly associated with the political parties they serve," the report by the Tory-dominated com-

"We conclude that it is inappropriate for whips of the main parties to be appointed to any committee considering the conduct of individual members or which otherwise sit in a quasi-judicial capacity. "Such appointments are

bound to give rise to suspi-cions of political interference, whether such suspicions are ment of Mr Mitchell was a mistake which damaged the work of the select committee on members' interests during 1994 and 1995. We recommend the House

never in future appoints a whip of one of the main parties to any quasi-judicial select committee." The report said that Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, then chairman of the Members' Interests commitpublication of the committee's tee during a public hearing about the appointment of a



Sir Richard Scott yesterday: "The record over the past years suggests there needs to be a supervisory mechanism"

Scott calls for check on ministers

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

SIR Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, said last night that Parliament should appoint a watchdog to check that government ministers were not withholding infor-

mation from MPs. In an interview to mark the first anniversary tomorrow of Iraq affair, Sir Richard said that he was particularly concerned by ministers' use of the term "commercial confidentiality" to block information. During his inquiry he was

aware of the frequent use of

commercial confidentiality" in relation to defence sales verseas. "When government has to weigh up the public interest exception, what sort of commercial confidentiality is of sufficient weight to offset the balance of something that is of the highest democratic importance? Sir Richard

said yesterday. He believes that ministers could still be misleading MPs and that it is important to establish an independent check. He suggested the ap-pointment of an officer of Parliament who had the right to call papers and see whether hived off to private firms and the Government had exceed- quasi-independent bodies. Sir

This week the House of

Commons for the first time published a list of questions tabled by MPs that were blocked by the Government during the past year. The Department of Trade and Industry blocked the highest number, 51 questions, citing commercial confidentiality in 14 cases. The Ministry of

Defence blocked 50 questions. There has been particular concern among MPs about difficulties in obtaining information on government work Richard has not monitored the answers, but he said: "The record over the past years suggests there needs to be a supervisory mechanism independent of government, to keep an eye on whether the public interest exception is

Sir Richard was otherwise pleased with government response to his report. It was reasonable" that a final decision on a new system for export licences had been delayed until after the election. It was "excellent" that the new harm test now applied to

on education, firearms and

stunt, and said he would not

be offering deals to the Ulster

Unionists to preserve the Gov-

ensure a full Tory turnout for the debate, which could pre-

law and order.

19 months after disappearing, died from "immersion in wat-er", police said. He was found in his submerged car.
Police found no link beween the deaths of Mr Curran and Marcia Whitehurst, 37, another officer at the jail

stances last month. Police suspended over sex claims

who died in similar circum-

Three officers have been sus pended over allegations of indecent sexual behaviour involving a strippagram woman at a birthday party in the bar of the Lancashire Hutton, near Preston, Fifteen officers from different forces have been ordered to leave the centre. The Police Complaints Authority is to supervise an investigation.

Couple jailed for blowing up house

A couple who blew up their house to claim £310,000 on insurance have been jailed for 212 years by Gloucester Crown Court Abdul and Julie Patel, 46, were convicted of arson. The couple, who were E44,000 in arrears with mortgage payments and feared subsidence had made the property unsaleable, blamed a racist attack after a fire at

Anti-gun group's £lm campaign

The Snowdrop Petition, the anti-gun campaign set up after the Dunblane massacre. is to run a £1 million cinema, press and poster advertising campaign in the run-up to the election. The London advertising agency Delaney Fletcher Bozell is offering its services free of charge to keep the handgun issue in the public mind during the dection campaign.

Woman priest at St Paul's delight

The Rev Lucy Winkett, the first woman priest to be appointed to St Paul's Cathedral, said yesterday she was "delighted" to accept the job as a minor canon, which has

dismayed traditionalists. Miss Winkett, 29, who is on skiing holiday in Austria. said that she was looking forward to working at the cathedral from September. Leading article, page 21

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Major derides Labour devolution proposals

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ANDREW PIERCE

tion plans, claiming they would "destroy 1,000 years of British history".

Speaking at the Weish Con-ference in Holywell, the Prime Minister will attempt to deflect attention from Monday's censure motion on Douglas Hogg by insisting that Mr Blair would "gerrymander Britain and play party politics with our nation". He will add: "Labour would throw a bone to the yapping dogs in Welsh and Scottish separatism in the vain hope that they might follow the party."
Mr Major will also open a

Commons debate on the constitution next Thursday, in an embarassing row over Ste-phen Dorrell's change of tactics on a Scottish Parliament. Tony Blair's aides said the Labour leader was now pre-

paring for a March 20 general election. But that date was

Mr Major refused to rule out a televised debate with Labour and said he looked forward to the campaign. He derided Labour's vote of censure on Douglas Hogg's han-dling of the beef crisis as a

firmly ruled out by Tory party sources last night, and the Prime Minister again pointed to May 1 in a television interview. But in a clear hint that the date would be later rather than sooner, Mr Major said: "There is a general election in the not too distant future. People should sit back and relax and not get too over-

ment had no need to go to the country early when there was

ernment's majority.But it emerged that Malcolm Rilkind is to fly back from Singapore this weekend to. excited about it." He said that the Governcipitate a vote of confidence if the Government is defeated.

Shot soldier

Continued from page I flash and the next thing I knew there was blood pouring from my head."

Mrs McElroy was scornful yesterday of the IRA and said she would hate to think that the world thought the terror-ists represented Irish Cath-

She said: "Whoever did this had a clear view of what they were doing. They saw that soldier, they saw him speak-ing to me. There was a baby seat in the back of the car, they didn't know my baby was in it. They did not care ... they killed that man and were quite happy to kill me and whoever else was with me as long as

they got him." in Peterborough, where L/Bdr Rosterick's grieving family gathered at his home, his parents, John and Rita Restorick, condemned the IRA as "cowards" but called for calm and appealed for the

loyalists not to retaliate. The shooting was widely condemned on both sides of the Irish border yesterday. John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, told the Irish Parliament: "This murder is anti-Irish and it is antithetical to all the interests of all the Irish

Gun scare at courts

Continued from page 1 same door as Mr Justice Mance, and disappeared in the labyrinth of corridors. She came within yards of the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill,

Mr Thomas MacKinnon, the barrister conducting the interrupted appeal, said Lord Justice Beldam and Mrs Justice Bracewell deserved medals for bravery. "The woman sprinted from the public gallery at the rear of the court and up the stairs beside the judges'

He described how Mr Justice Mance calculy left the court while Mrs Justice Bracewell told the woman: Why don't you put your gun



Mr MacKinnon, who said the weapon resembled a Second World War Luger, added:
There is some debate as to whether it was a real gum. She told everyone not to move, and when the senior court registrar, Ray Armstrong, moved towards her and said he would like to take down details of her case, she pointed the gun at him and said: 'No one will get hurt if you don't move. If anyone moves, you will all get shot."

He said the woman, who was 5ft Zin, appeared de-ranged and talked gibberish. The court shorthand writer, who is pregnant was last night said to be deeply shocked.

One theory is that the woman had intended to target Mrs Justice Bracewell, a family division judge, because her grievance appeared to centre on a child-custody matter.

Within 10 minutes, police had drafted in an armed response team carrying machine-guns. The search, overseen by Superintendent Louisa Elliston, relied on bioeprints of the 1871 building

designed by George Street. After it was wound down. Ms Elliston said: "We have not found any sign of the lady or of a weapon. We have a

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GP who hid fatal error jailed for manslaughter

A FAMILY doctor who failed to perform a simple test that could have saved the life of a young father and then tried to falsify his medical records has been jailed for a year for

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Salim Najada, a GP in
Birmingham, failed to diagnose diabetes in Peter Coles, 28, though he was showing the classic signs of the condition and even his mother had guessed that he had diabetes: Mr Coles, of King's Heath, Birmingham, who had two children aged five and three, lapsed into a diabetic coma and died at Birmingham's Selly Oak Hospital on Decem-ber 6, 1992. He had visited Najada, who ran a singlehanded practice in King's Heath, several times during the previous three weeks com-plaining of a dry mouth, excessive thirst, dizzness and

On one occasion he took a sample of urine, but Najada did not test it. Instead he was given a sick note, a mouth spray and treatment for a

chest infection and vertigo.

Nigel Rumfitt, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury at Birmingham Crown Court that Najada was criminally incompetent". He said that Najada had falsified the medical notes when the coroner began investigating to make it



Salim Najada, left, who failed to identify Peter Coles's condition, instead prescribing medicine for vertigo

aware of the serious nature of his patient's condition but had been unable to persuade him to attend hospital. However, his deception was revealed at the inquest when the coroner produced a photocopy of the original, unamended notes.

Najada, a Jordanian who qualified in Madrid, was jailed for 12 months after being convicted of manslaughter and perverting the course of justice. He began his sentence in December but the judge imposed a ban on reporting the case because other charges were pending.

Najada has had an eventful

practise in Britain in 1981. His iormer practice partner, Danuta Kaczmarska, was been hit over the head and her body berns on a pyre of cushions at her Birmingham home. Najada, who admined

arrested but was not charged and the murder remains un-Frank Coles, the dead man's father, said that the sentence was ridiculous. His wife, Margaret, 60, said she had urged her son to ask the doctor to do a test for diabetes. "I had noticed he was drinking excesdiabetes so he should see the

having an affair with Dr-Kaczmarska, was briefly

doctor said it was a chest infection. I blame Najada for my son's death. If he had done his job properly Peter would still be around today. He'll be out soon but I've lost my son forever and his kids have lost

Mr Cole's former wife Susan, 32, a nurse, is hoping to claim civil damages against

It is estimated that 1.4 million Britons suffer from diabetes — an inability to produce sufficient insulin and the average GP has 50 cases on his list. Diabetes can be easily diagnosed by placing a dipstick in a sample of urine. The diagnosis is confirmed by a blood test and the condition can be treated by control of the diet or injections of insulin.

Dr Najada, was fined £3,000 in 1993 by the family health services authority, but allowed to continue in practice until convicted last November. His 900 patients were asked to find new GPs by the end of last

When he has completed his sentence, which could be in eight months, the General Medical Council will consider his case and is expected to strike him off the medical register. Although he would have the right of appeal for restoration to the register after



Louise Woodward arriving handcuffed at the court yesterday

Nanny pleads not guilty to baby murder

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN BOSTON

THE nanny accused of murdering a nine-monthold baby in America pleaded not guilty yesterday. Louise Woodward, 18, of Elton, Cheshire, listened to Judge Bletzer's decision to refuse her bail in silence at the small district court in the quiet Boston suburb of Newton.

Matthew Eappen died of a brain haemorrhage, allegedly after being struck on the head. Miss Woodward has admitted losing her temper with the child, shaking him and throwing him on to a

Lynn Rooney, the Assistant District Attorney disclosed that a post-mortem examination had found a 22 in fracture in the rear right-hand side of the baby's skull, "This child died after a blunt force trauma to the head," she said. "It would suggest that the amount of force was extremely severe. He was struck against an extremely hard object causing trauma and whiplash bruising inside the

Maria Galvagna, for Miss Woodward, said she was "no threat to the community or the victim's family". She added: "Despite the lact that she is British, she should be accorded all the rights of this court, including a presumption of innocence."

Miss Woodward stood expressionless through out the brief hearing. She had arrived at the court in leg-irons, arms held in front of her in handcuffs and seemingly bewildered by the bright sunshine.

noisy television cameras and intrigued onlookers. Miss Galvagna said that a leading Massachusetts barrister had offered to take Miss Woodward in. It was "hard and unjust" to keep her in the women's prison in nearby Framingham, where she had been moved from solitary confinement to a general wing. However, Judge Bletzer swiftly rejected her request for bail.

A grand jury will decide the severity of the murder charges to be laced by Miss Woodward. They range from manslaughter, the least serious, to first degree murder, which could carry a life sentence. The defence's tactics may include a request for a mental examination.

The defendant's father, Gary Woodward, a builder, watched yesterday's hearing from the front row of the public seats. "I have no comment

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Killer Sams given eight years for jail kidnapping

MICHAEL SAMS, the killer and kidnapper, was yesterday given another eight years in jail for holding a probation officer hostage to draw public attention to his prison

Sems, given four life sea-tences in in July 1993 for the murder of Julie Dart, a Leeds prostitute, and the kidnap of Stephanie Slater, a Birmingham estate agent, had taken. Julia Flack hostage inside Wakefield jail. He was found not guilty at Durham Crown Court of attempting to murder Mrs Flack, the wife of the Bishop of Huntingdon; but

guilty of false imprisonment. Sams, 55, originally from Newark, Nortinghamshire, had told the court that be planned to take a hostage so he could air his anger at the refusal of legal aid for him to sue for libel over Miss Slater's claim in her book that she was raped while she was his prisoner. He was also incensed that the prison authorities had prevented him selling his paintings for children's charities and refused to consider his complaint that six of his books on railways had-

been stolen by staff. Mrs Flack, 50, who was accompanied in court by her husband John, who was archdescon of Pontefract at the time of the attack, was upset at the verdict. She dropped her head and wiped tears from her

The eight-year sentence will run concurrently with the life sentences. Mr Justice Moreland described the offence of false imprisonment as very grave" but suggested that the Director of Prisons and Chief Inspector of Prisons should investigate the way that Sams's complaints were



Julia Flack: was held hostage on prison visit

The court was sold that when Mrs Flack tried to hit a panic button, Sams, who was armed with a sharpened metal spike and a length of tape, told her. Touch that button and you are dead." Fellow immates said they

heard Mrs Flack scream "al-most like death" and found Sams with his left arm around her neck and struggling with her on the floor. After the verdict Mrs Flack said: "Although he is already serving a life sentence I think it was right he was prosecuted for his attack which indeed did threaten my life. His conviction gives a message to everyone in prison that the law will uphold the right of people like myself not to face intimidation

or assault from prisoners." She said that being crossexamined by Sams was "a considerable ordeal for me personally but nevertheless it was important as part of my own recovery process. I would go back to working in a prison again if I had the chance but the moment."

Grobbelaar 'took cash for forecasts not fixing'

MONEY alleged to have been received by Bruce Grobbelaar to rig matches was paid purely for forecasting results, the goalkeeper told Winchester

Crown Court yesterday. Mr Grobbelaar said to had nevel thrown a match or accepted money to do so. Asked by his counsel, Rodney Klevan, QC, if £25,000 he had a friend, to invest in their native Zimbabwe had been "a reward for throwing games", he replied: "There is no truth in that."

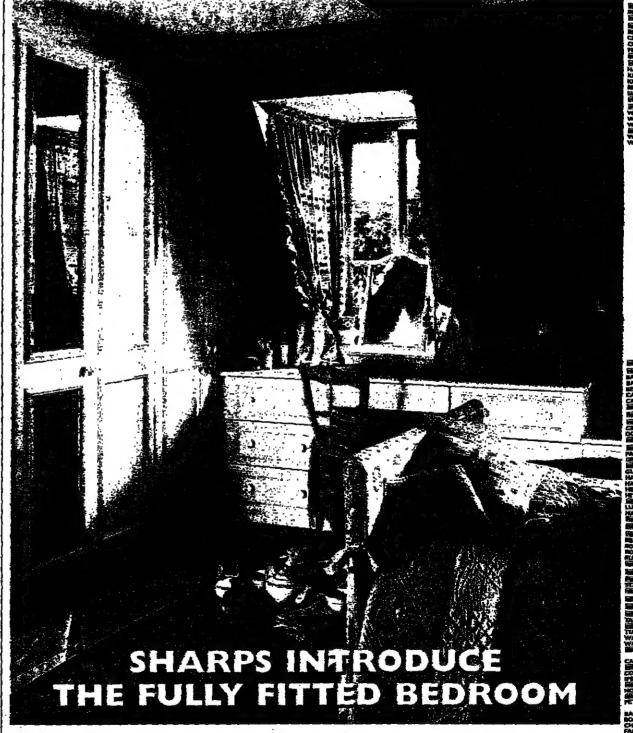
He said that his bond with the Liverpool fans would have prevented him from letting them down. "You don't go on to the field to lose games."

Mr Grobbelaar, 39, was giving evidence for the first time on the 21st day of the trial. He and Hans Segers, 35, John Fashami, 34, and Heng Suan Lim, 31, deny conspiring to give and accept corrupt pay-ments. Mr Grobbelsar also denies corruptly accepting

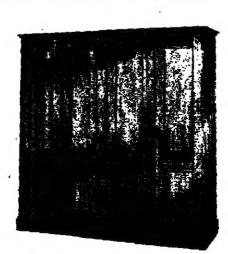
£2,000 from Mr Vincent The goalkeeper said he had been introduced to Mr Lim, a Malaysian businessman, by Mr Fashanu, who said he might be able to find investors for a safari park project in Zimbabwe. Later Mr Lim asked if he was interested in forecasting games, something

newspaper in Norway. "Naturally the answer was ves. He said he would give me some money: £250 for a correct forecast of first division matches," Mr Grobbelaar said.

He admitted receiving EI,000 cash from Mr Lim at a Manchester hotel but said it was for forecasting, not match-fixing as Mr Vincent The trial continues.



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OPEN 7 DAYS

BT refuses inquiry over staff's · lucky lines to Concorde flight BY GLEN OWEN AND STEPHEN FARRELL

who beat 30 million callers tickets work for the department that designs computer data for the telephone system, it emerged yesterday.

Neville Secular and Dean Perry, who work in the same London office, were among the first 190 to ring a British Airways hotline after lopm on Tuesday, to take up the offer celebrating the tenth anniversary of the airline's privatisation. The pair separately dialled the special 0345 number from their desks in BTs Data Build department in Mondial House, Upper

Thames Street, Holborn. Today they will today travel to New York on Concorde's Valentine's Day flight with their partners. The return trip

was one of the most-oversubtrying to win £10 Concorde scribed ever, with 20 million calls between 9.50pm and 10.15pm. Despite BT's insistence that

the offer was a lottery for all those taking part, experts last night called for an investigation. claiming that insiders may have known short cuts to avoid calls being filtered out by the 'call-gapping', or screening, mechanisms. Richard Cox, an independent telecoms consultant, said: "Data Build are probably the group of people who know most about how the system works, apart from the BT

Oswestry and London BT has a duty to the public to

TWO British Telecom staff usually costs £5,400. The offer has insisted the win was pure chance "We came in to do some work, and thought it was worth a go. Some might think that we found some way

there would be no investigation without evidence of wrongdoing. He refused to reveal the men's jobs at Data Build. One of their colleagues confirmed that the department built the data that runs the telephone system, but added: "I can't tell you any more about what we do. We all have to sign the Official Secrets Act, you know."

A BA spokesman said it would not call for an investi-Network managers in gation either. "BT assures us that this was purely a coincidence and there is nothing to

'For goodness sake, get round the table — we want his death to focus people's minds'

Murdered soldier's parents appeal for calm after shooting

STEPHEN RESTORICK, the soldier murdered by an IRA miper, was an outgoing, funloving young man who loved rave music and mountain biking, but it was the Army that gave him a purpose in life. friends said yesterday.

As his family gathered at his home in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, his parents John the IRA as cowards but called for calm and appealed for the loyalists not to retaliate. Mr and Mrs Restorick hope that their son's death will inspire renewed efforts for peace.

"I think ultimately Ireland should be one country." said Mrs Restorick, 47. Both parents said the Government must accept some of the blame

John and Rita Restorick spoke to their son on Sunday

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Stephen, aged five as a

want his death to focus people's minds. I expected this to make just a little paragraph in the newspapers, hidden away, but at least people are taking notice. It could not have been a

he was happy enough.
"I don't blame the Army at

his first model aircraft and

other son, Mark, 26, said they had decided to speak to the media to draw as much attention as possible to the killing. They said they would remember their son, who would have been 24 this month, as an extrovert, with a smile on his face, and full of affection, "He would always throw his arms around me." said his mother.

The danger was not something we really spoke about," she said. "It was just under-stood between us that it went with the job. As far as I was concerned, joining the Army was the last thing I wanted how your children live."

Of their last telephone conversation, on Sunday, Mrs Restorick said: "He was just talking about the long hours he was working. It was just checks, that sort of thing, but

all for what has happened — it was just one of those things." Mr Restorick said he sat down with his son when he decided to join the Army and explained that he might find Northern Ireland. "He accept-

> From the moment he made was denied his first choice.



A soldier on patrol yesterday near the scene in Bessbrook, South Armagh, where Stephen Restorick was shot by a sniper at a checkpoint

joining the Armed Forces. He was a member of the Air Training Corps in Peterbor-ough and stayed on an extra year into the sixth form at Bushfield Community School to retake his GCSEs, hoping to follow his father - a sergeant fitter for 22 years - into the RAF. But cutbacks meant he

The reenager had a series of

employed when he signed up with the Army.

When he passed out after training in 1992, he finished in the top 10 per cent of his group, winning selection to the 3rd regiment of the Royal Horse Artillery. As a 19-yearold he went on his first tour to Northern Ireland, in the same year, and returned there from the regimental base at Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, for a second six-month duty in

October last year. Lisa Fellows, 23, a schoolfriend for six ears, said: "He did not enjoy Northern Ireland but the Army gave him a purpose in life after being unemployed.

young, it is unfair. He always wanted to go into the forces the Airlix models hanging from his ceiling were a standing joke." Colin Clark, 24, went for a meal in Peterborough with him when Stephen returned home briefly over Christmas. We got quite drunk, ate too much, said Mr land; he said he could never relax over there."

His commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew oughly popular man. His

600 yards, Mr Hogg said.

shootings the words "Sniper

He described the semi-auto-

easy-going nature and ready sense of humour made him many friends in his battery and regiment." Lance Bombardier Restor-

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ick - who had been planning to leave the Army in a couple of years, his parents said will be cremated in Peterborough but there will not be a full military funeral, at his parents' request. "No rifles, no shooting over the grave," said

Sniper's weapon was meant for machines, not men

AN IRA eunman armed with 5ft-long American sniper rifle is thought to have been responsible for the murder of

The rifle, a Barrett "Light 50" M82Al, was developed to penetrate armour and destroy equipment, such as aircraft and radars. It fires a bullet weighing just over 12 ounces at 2,900ft per second, and impact on a human target. "It would be like being hit by a

Weapons, said. The gun is believed to have

been smuggled out of the ago and the IRA may have two in its armoury. It is used by the US Army and has also been purchased by the SAS because of its anti-equipment czpability.

Lance Bombardier Restorick was the first soldier to sniper since December 1993. His death brings to 12 the number of troops and RUC



The 5ft Barrett Light 50 was designed to pierce armour

officers killed by snipers since 1992. There has been speculation in Northern Ireland that ble for all the shootings, but security sources believe that the IRA has trained more

than one person to fire such

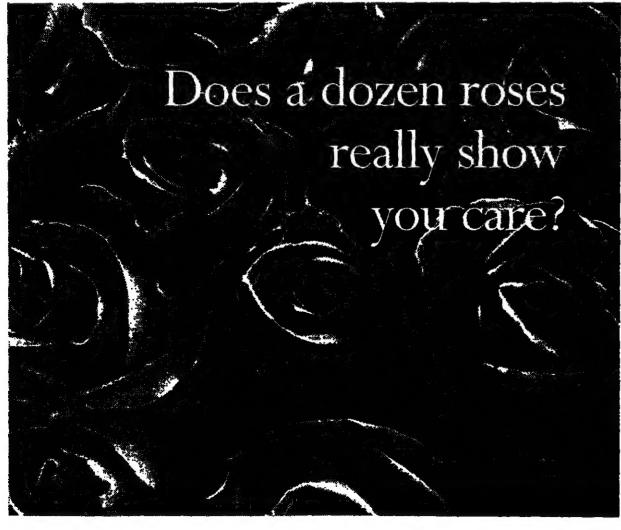
torick was hit by a single 0.5-calibre round. The Barrett

than 2,000 yards for large

use. The gunman may have fired from the back of a van before escaping to an IRA safe house along the border from the murder scene, at Bessbrook in Co Armagh. IRA snipers have also opened fire from behind walls and from specially built platforms. Light 50 has a range of more During the last wave of IRA

above a drawing of a gunman on a mock road sign. This was amended to include the words

Northern Ireland last October with two car bombs at the Army's headquarters. The shooting of Lance Bombadier Restorick is likely to have been endorsed by the terrorist leadership. One of the most hardline IRA members in South Armagh sits on the



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Families send cards

pet loves AN INCREASING number of people are sending Valentine cards to their pets (Alan Ham-ilton writes). The Plain English Campaign found that dogs and horses won most

to their

Chrissie Maher, director of the campaign, said that staff interviewed customers outside card shops to discover buying patterns: "Many people said they had bought a card for their pet. We thought they were using an affectionate term for their partner. In fact they were referring to their animals." Most were with families, and often accompanied by young children. "We have known for several

years that people send Christ-mas and birthday cards to their animals, but sending Valentines is a new trend, said Ms Maher, who lives on a Derbyshire smallholding with five dogs, 45 cats and several cows. She has never sent a card to any of them.

☐ The campaign's award for the "yuckiest" verse went to:
"One day Cupid spotted me
and found it in his heart. To pull his little bowstrings back and shot me with his dart."

Private detectives seeking suspects in Valentine mystery

PRIVATE detectives are being hired for up to £500 a case to find the anonymous senders of Valentine cards. They use modern surveillance technology and handwriting analysis to track down senders.

Frustration at missing out on what could be a beautiful romance is the main motivation for the detectives clients. Barrington Detective Bureau, in Mayfair, said: "We are imundated with calls. People are desperate to find out where the anonymous cards come from. The investigations are not always successful but we have a reasonable success

Anusch Massarrat, 23, received an anonymous card in the post last year. The front of the card was adorned with the words Free Love printed in the shape of a heart, while the back simply said Holiday Love in red handwriting. Ms. Massarrat, an assistant at a

Wuffykins, are on the loose.

readers in the name of love.

to do so in public.

company, picked the number of a private investigator out of the Yellow Pages and handed over the card and a list of possible suspects. She said: "I simply had to know. This could be the dream lover. If he is so sure he wants me then I should at least have a look at him. I thought, it must be someone I have been on-

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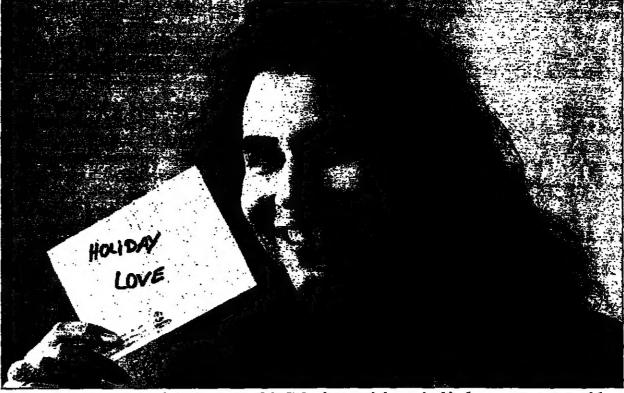
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A week later the detective sent the card back, saying that he could exclude most of the people on the list but was unable to pinpoint the sender. He said he had compared the

researched the origin of the card and conducted a handwriting analysis on the basis of handwritten letters given to him by Ms Massarrat. The investigation cost £200. The Confidential Investiga

tions agency in Kilburn, west London, said it used exservicemen in Valentine's card cases. They were trained in discreet video surveillance and telephone recording". A brochure promises comprehensive service and expert advice in strictest confidence".

Detectives say there is no age limit on the Valentines seeking their services. Robert Anker of AAble Investigations in Romford, east London, said he investigated a card sent to a 13-year-old Mormon girl. He said: "The girl received the card in the post but was so embarrassed she put it in her father's Bible. The card said how wonderful she was and



Arrusch Massarrat's search for the sender of the Valentine's card she received in the post was unsuccessful

spend the rest of his life with her. The sender said he wanted to meet her on Valentine's

Day at McDonald's.
"The mother then found the card in the Bible and suspected her husband was up to hidden in his Bible. She confamily photographs of her husband. Two of our operatives went to McDonald's under cover at the suggested time. "And indeed, her husband turned up. But with him he had the girl's two grandfa-

very touching case."

\[\text{A couple are due to marry} \] at Ashford International Station today after collecting Eurostar vouchers in The Times. Yvonne McMeel, 44, and Barry Cooke, 50, will spend their honeymoon in VIP lounge will be the first wedding to have been held there. Eurostar staff will act as witnesses for the couple, who come from Watford, Ms McMeel said: "We came to see the terminal and fell in love with it. We always want-

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want to huggie and pash, but parapet, Woofer has designs on Diddly Wumps, and that there is an older, wiser thought behind Norbert's perpetually lovesick pair, Woozzie Woopots and Fluffy If anything, baby language is in decline this year, with a Watch out Breathless of Brompton, it is St Valentine's

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Formal complaint over investigation follows inquest verdict on black youth attacked by five whites

Lawrence family to sue men cleared of racist murder

THE PARENTS of Stephen Lawrence, the black teenager murdered at a bus stop, were last night planning a civil action for damages against the five white men originally accused of killing him.

Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, said Stephen Lawrence was killed "just because he was black"

family made the announcement after the jury at the inquest into his stabbing ruled unanimously that he had been unlawfully killed in a "completely unprovoked racist attack by five white youths".

Three of the men accused of the murder in a private prose-

cution brought by the family were acquitted at the Old Bailey last year. Neil Acourt, 21. Luke Knight, 20. and Gary Dobson, 21. all unemployed. from southeast London, were acquitted on the direction of Mr Justice Curtis. Two others, Jamie Acourt, 19, and David Norris, 20, walked free at committal proceedings in December 1993. Under the common law privilege of silence, all five declined to answer questions that they believed might incriminate them when called to give evidence during

which his attackers fled, losing valuable time. The first detectives on the scene also failed to use important criminal intelligence data pinpointing families in the area already under investigation for racial harassment. It was admitted in court that the office at Plumstead police sta-tion where intelligence was collated was locked at night and information was therefore

unavailable. The jury of six men and four women took 30 minutes to reach their verdict at the end of the four-day resumed inquest. Mr Lawrence's mother, Doreen, 44, who collapsed weeping into the arms of members of her family, said later: "Right from the start on the night our son was mur-

the inquest at Southwark Cor-

The Lawrence family will

also lodge a formal complaint about the conduct of the

Metropolitan Police in the

hours after the murder on the

night of April 22, 1993, as Mr

Lawrence, 18, waited in Eltham, southeast London, for

a bus home. The inquest was

told that officers failed to make

immediate house-to-house in-

quiries in the street along

oner's Court.



Cheryl Sloley, Stephen Lawrence's aunt, reading a statement outside the coroner's court after the verdict.

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She added that during the inquest, "what was coming across for me was that none of the officers saw it fit to go round to known suspects homes even just to eliminate them from the inquiry."

After the verdict Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, called for a review of local police intelligence systems which, he said, should store information

minds of the police, he was on criminal groups, their adonly a black boy — why dresses and weaponry, and dresses and weaponry, and which should be available 24 hours a day to all stations. He said: "What we have

established in this inquest is that a group of white youths killed a young man in cold blood and for no other reason, it would appear, than that the colour of his skin was black. This was not a fight between men which had ended in a death. This was an horrific crime, totally unprovoked, in

young men attacked an unsuspecting, innocent youth and which resulted in him bleeding to death." Sir Montague appealed for calm in the community and appealed for witnesses to come forward.

Imran Khan, the Lawrence family's solicitor, said: "We are strongly considering tak-ing further legal action through the courts and we hope that during those proceedings nobody can possibly ciaim any sort of privilege of silence. Civil action will be

against those individuals we consider might have been responsible in some way for the death of Stephen Law-

Mr Khan said a formal complaint would be lodged with the Police Complaints Authority against officers who were in charge of the murder investigation on the night of the murder. "If the PCA said there were officers who were negligent in their duties, then we would proceed with civil action against them."

Police defend inquiry

By LIN JENKINS

THE Metropolitan Police insisted yesterday that its officers had done everything they could from the beginning of the investigation.

Ian Johnston, Assistant Commissioner, said: "It is a matter of deep regret to me and to the officers involved in this terrible murder that we have not been able to see the murderers successfully prose-

He said Mrs Lawrence had his deepest sympathy but added: "I believe right from the start we did all we could: She is someone who has had her son taken away by a group of racist murderers, but she has a perspective on this case which I do not share." He added that the case remained

open.
Criticism that police were slow to begin house to house inquiries, failed to act on an anonymous tip and unneces-sarily investigated Stephen's background was unfounded, he said. It was routine to look into the circumstances of a victim and officers could not make arrests on an anonymous tip, although they had begun a surveillance opera-

tion as a result of it. Mr Johnston said: The family are entitled to expect Stephen's killers to be brought to justice, but this can only be done if the necessary evidence is found. Sadly, in this case, it was not, but that was not because we did not try."

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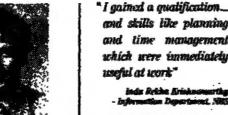
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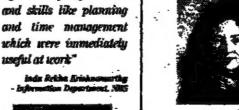
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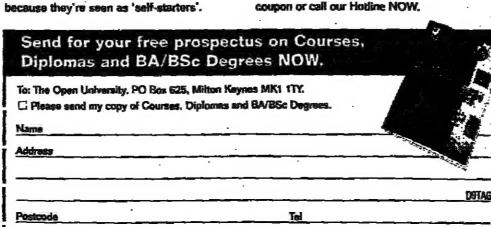
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SHEET SHEET Health risk in contact lens cases

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Boy dies in fall

A boy has died after jumping down a flight of seven steps after assembly at Hillfield School, Hornsey, north London. Ashley Service. 16, hit his head on a ceiling lintel then fell, striking his head on the bottom step.

Opera victory

Open-air opera performances at the Jacobean manor house of Leonard Ingrams in Garsington, Oxfordshire, against which villagers have campaigned, were given the go-ahead for seven years by the **Environment Department**,

Scout power

British Energy is joining the AA, Walls and Vauxhalf in sponsoring the Scout Association. It will pay £12,000 a year to sponsor the new badge in public relations proficiency, for which 20,000 Scouts are expected to try.

Murder charge

A man accused of battering a neighbour's four-year-old son to death with a hammer was remanded in custody at Glasgow Sheriff Court. James Reid, 59. of Castlemilk, is charged with murdering James Ward

Home to roost

Planners have refused to allow a Grade II listed dovecote to become a home for people. The dovecote, at Kemerton, near Tewkesbury, once housed 400 birds. The owners were ordered to return it to the original state.

One good turn

Charity workers have been given stolen bicycles by Portsmouth police. The three cycles will be used by Age Concern volunteers, who do chores for elderly people, in the hope that their owners will see and reclaim them.



Big rise in public disorder revealed

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A BIG increase in public disorder is to be disclosed by Labour today. The number of incidents such as unacceptable noise from neighbours. rowdy behaviour by children and drunkenness rose in 20 police areas from 1.5 million to 1.8 million over three years, according to statistics con-

The figures were fram, from almost half of the 43forces in England and Wales, including Manchester, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire and the Met-

ropolitan Police. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, will disclose the rise in a speech outlining Labour's "zero tolerance" policv on antisocial behaviour in public places.

At the launch of a neighbourhood anti-nuisance strategy in his Blackburn constituency, Mr Straw will set out Labour's "three Rs"

approach to curbing disorder. Respect, responsibility and revival comprise our strategy for zero tolerance. The criminal justice system today, especially the youth justice system. is indulgent of much antisocial behaviour, especially on the

streets and in public places."
Under Jabour's proposals. a senior police officer or a local authority would be able to apply for a community safety order that could impose a curiew on teenage tearaways, exclude people from certain areas or ban them from ap-

proaching named individuals. Anyone breaching the order would face imprisonment or, if they were aged under is, a community sentence. Parents of young troublemakers could be ordered to attend counsel-

ling or guidance sessions. The disorder statistics for 1993 to 1996 were provided by police forces to help the Environment Department to set the size of their cash grant.



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falls as awareness grows

being spotted earlier, a study has found. The fall, which is occurring across the country despite a rise in cases, began in the early 1990s after more than two decades in which it had risen to the highest in the world. Scientists had suggested that new treatments, espe-

cially the introduction of the

hormonal drug tamoxifen. were prolonging lives. However, a study of more

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT tients in East Anglia has found DEATHS from breast cancer are falling among women that the earlier detection of under 65 because tumours are tumours since the mid-1980s and their smaller size at diagnosis accounts for most of the improvement in survival. Although the number of cases rose between 1982-85 and 1986-89 by around 18 per cent, deaths in the under-65s fell by

almost 10 per cent. Diane Stockton and colleagues from the East Anglian Cancer Intelligence Unit at the University of Cambridge say in the British Medical Journal that greater awareness among women and their doctors is the most likely explanation of earlier diagnosis. This success in detecting cancers is not attributable to breast screening: the study took place before screening

region after 1939. The study showed a 50 per cent increase between the two periods it covered in women being diagnosed with early stage breast cancer, and earlier diagnosis increases the chances of survival.

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Breast cancer death toll

However, the chances of survival with early stage can-

One of Britain's largest em-

players of women encourages them very firmly to attend for

regular screening, and have

Among women who have had breast cancer detected as

a result of this practised scheme, nine out of ten are still

rays) from the age of 40.

alive 20 years later.

of survival

aged 50-64, suggesting that the use of tamoxilen had no effect. A study in the Netherlands also found no improvement in survival after the wider use of

stomach and gullet may wait up to 312 years for diagnosis not refer promptly and hospi-Leeds General Infirmary

Most people survive the cancers if they are caught early, the researchers say in the British Medical Journal. ☐ Keeping a pet is more important to many people than the allergy symptoms they cause. A Caradian study of 341 people diagnosed with chronic allergy to cats and dogs found only one in five followed medical advice to get rid of their set. Even when the rid of their pet. Even when the animal died, three quarters of the patients replaced it with

Ms Stockton said that only

40 per cent of women in the study with early stage cancer were treated with tamoxifen compared with 90 per cent now. "Since 1989, there have been many changes in treatment with more extensive use of tamoxifen, more use of adjuvant chemotherapy and more referrals to specialist cancer centres which should improve survival further." she said.

☐ Patients with cancer of the although the average is 17 weeks — reducing their chances of survival. The delays occur because GPs do ly, a study of 115 patients at

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Molly responding to its owners hand command to sit. The dog first had to be trained to look at humans regularly

MOLLY, a deaf dalmatian, is being taught to respond to sign language. The dog was born with a defect that afflicts between 7 and 8 per cent of its breed: normally such dogs are put down within a few weeks as it is difficult fully to

However, Molly's breeder found a home for the puppy with Amanda and Simon Price and their three daughters in Wandsworth, southwest London. "We were told she would need special care, but we decided to buy her." Mrs Price said.

With the help of Steve

Deaf dog learns sign language

nise hand and arm signals as a substitute for verbal com-mands. "Already she obeys simple orders such as 'come'. 'stay' and 'sit," Mrs Price said. "If she is only a few yards away a slight movevigorous gestures with the

bad-tempered because of its handicap but they have had

no trouble Mr Collis, a former RAF dog handler, said: "The first thing was to get Molly to look at humans regularly for guid-ance and contact. I did that by When she obeyed signals correctly she would be re-warded with thocolate. The ultimate goal is to get her so.

no further than the neigh-bouring park where she trails an 8ft canvas strap attached by a heavy metal clasp to her collar. If she looks like taking off, we can stamp on the strap and restrain her." Mrs Price said.

James Wood, head of the Animal Health Trust's epidemiology unit, said: The condition appears to be associ-ated with a deficiency in the melanocytes, the cells that deliver pigment to skin and hair. Other white haired dogs also have a history of hearing born completely white and

Specialist experience is vital

THE report of the East Anglian survey on breast cancer emphasises the importance of MEDICAL BRIEFING awareness among patients and doctors. Treatment of malignant disease in the breast was improving, and there is now an increasing understanding that specialisation in cancer surradiologist at St Bartholo-mew's Hospital, London, and gery by medical staff gives patients a better chance. A course at the Royal Coll-

the doyenne of the British doctors who have been inege of Surgeons this week has volved in breast screening. stressed that specialised trainsaid yesterday: "Regular mammographs undertaken by staff, whether doctors. ing will enable a surgeon not only to wield his scalpel with greater skill, but to have a greater understanding of the radiotherapy and chemoradiographers or nurses, who have been thoroughly trained and are experienced, will pick therapy prescribed by the up small tumours at a time multi-disciplinary team who when even acclaimed specialwork together in the best ists may miss them on clinical Dr Audrey Tucker, for a

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Advertised promotions in-

Asia: diced turkey thigh £2.53 per kg, rump steak £7.49 per kg, baby carrots 200g for 49p, oranges ten for 9pp, strawberries 22/2g for 99p. ion truit two for 20p. Bodgens: West Country topside/-Budgens: West Country topsider-silverside/top rump £4.59 per kg. chicken quarters 50g for £1.26. Cumberland pork saussges 454g for £1.09. granary baps four for 49p, white seedless grapes 79p a lb. Co-op (CWS): Freedom Foods thicken £2.69 per kg. deep pan pepperuni pizza 380g for £1.32.

melts four for 99p, buttered cod smaks six for \$2.75, deep 9m ham

and pineapple pizza 51.49 estra mature chericus 590g for 52.99, upside-down apple pudding 330g burgers four for 97p, whole/semi-skimmed milk 3 for 61.19, Smash

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trout El.37 a lb. golden delicious apples 38p a lb. conference pears 39p a lb. Waitrose: crispy Peking duck 330g for £3.99, Farmhouse pork sausings 454g for £1.59, pork spareribs £2.29 a lb, spinach 99p a lb, broccoli 375g for £5p, new potatoes 29p a lb, organic onions 500g for £1.49, English Jonagold apples 49p a lb.

BBC plans catch-up channel for soap fans

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

FANS of the BBC soap opera EastEnders need never worry again about missing an epi-sode. The corporation an-nounced yesterday that it is launching a "catch-up" chan-nel to enable viewers to keep up to date with major dramas. The new channel, provi-sionally entitled BBC Inform. will also provide profiles of the scap stars and actors. It is expected to include educational information on issues, such as drug taking or incest,

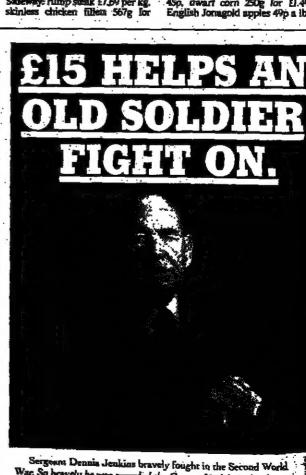
which occur in plots.
Will Wyan, chief executive of BBC Broadcasting, said that BBC Inform would be part of the new digital tele-vision service launched next year and available free to viewers who have a digital set-top decoder box or a digital television set.

He said it aimed to enhance the strength and breadth of the BBC's new services. The BBC can use new technology creatively to bring licence fee payers more channels; improved reception and better quality, he said. Initially, BBC Inform is

expected to provide updates in text form. The service will be far more sophisticated than the information already available on Ceefax and is expected to be illustrated with graphies. Live action clips may be included later. Reruns of BBC1 and BBC2

programmes will be available on another digital channel. BBC Choice, broadcasting the week's highlights.

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Bishop gives up Bible for Lent to read the Koran

son said. Later he tried to

improve his personal relationships by things such as being

more patient.
At his home in Pittington.

Co Durham, the bishop said: "I see Lent as a time to focus

on essentials in your life and

faith and pay less attention to

distractions and diversions.

During Lent by giving up something, in my case reading the the Bible, I will make the

"I am passionately con-

cerned that we help the church

to move into a wider scene where we are not just pre-

occupied with Christian issues

but understand other faiths,

not as rivals, but as fellow

travellers. The Western world

"There are qualities of holiness and commitment that the

faithful Muslim shows that

the western world can learn

from If only all Christians

would take seriously the be-

liefs of other traditions and

religions we would be all the

"Like most people who go

travelling I will be glad to get

home. When Easter comes

will feel it has been a good

expedition through the Koran,

needs to learn from Islam.

A CHURCH of England bishop has given up the Bible for Lent. The Bishop of Jarrow, Dr Alan Smithson is reading the Koran instead.

Apart from looking at St John's Gospel, traditionally read by Christians during the 40 days of Lent, Dr Smithson will not study his Bible until Easter. He normally spends two hours a day consulting it. and preparing notes for sermons and lectures in addition

to readings during services.

He intends to read 20 pages of the Koran each day and finish it by Good Friday. "I have never read the Korari before and when I start on an expedition I have to start with an open mind," he said yesterday. "When it is over I hope I will have found great spiritual truths and insights."

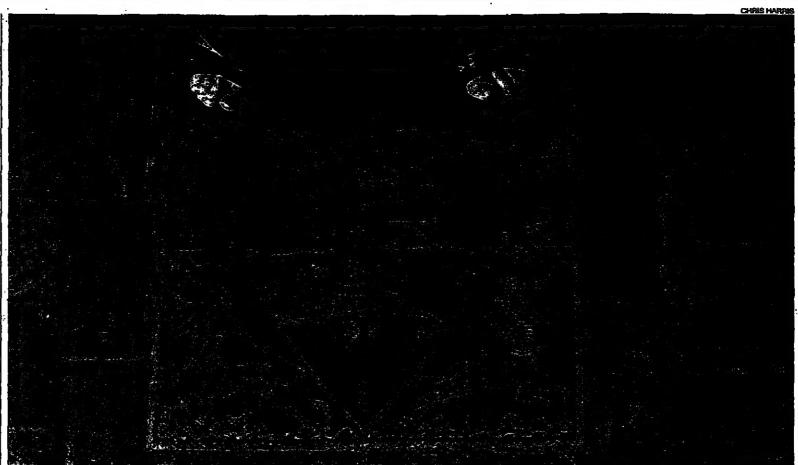
He hopes that by giving up the Bible and looking instead at Islam's most holy book it will make him "more understanding, more compassionate and more fully human". When he was younger his traditional Lenten sacrifice to mark Christ's fasting in the wilderness was giving up treats like sweets, Dr Smith-

Dr Smithson: seeking

great spiritual truths

but it will be good to get back to the Bible." His decision was criticised by the Rev George Curry, a traditionalist vicar working in the West End of Newcastle upon Tyne. He said: "We should certainly not be giving up the Bible for Lent. It is a

crass suggestion to give it up, even if it is just in part. To give up the Bible for Lent is the most bizarre suggestion anyone could seriously make. Unfortunately we are living in a generation in which church leaders are giving the impression that all religions lead to God. We can never read the Bible enough or know ₋it too well."



A monk stands on medieval tiles in the Chapter House at Westminster Abbey. They are to be restored by English Heritage at a cost of £10,000

Becket's relics inspire Canterbury trails

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

RELICS of St Thomas a Becket are to go on display at Canterbury Cathedral as part of national celebrations to mark the 14th centenary of St Augustine's arrival in Britain.

The fragments of bone and brain tissue, together with a shirt, will be the first relies to go on display in the lith-century cathedral since the Reformation. Although expecied to arouse Protestant protest, the relics of St Thomas, who was murdered in the cathedral by four knights of King Henry II in 1170, are thought likely to attract hun-dreds if not thousands of new pilgrims to Canterbury this

On loan from the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, they have been carbon dated and are thought to be. genume. They will go on show in their own glass-fronted casket alongside the Becket Chasse, the gold and

cently for the nation by the Victoria & Albert Museum and the National Heritage Memorial Fund for £3.8 million, in an appeal supported Cardinal Basil Hume, the

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, is also loaning Becket's mitre from Westminster Cathedral. The exhibition, which runs from April to October, is a central feature of a series of events organised by the Church of England, other denominations and English Heritage. The anniversary of the ar-

rival of St Augustine, sent from Rome by Pope Gregory I to reconvert Britain to Christianity after the invasion of the heathen Anglo-Sazons. is also behind an English Heritage conservation programme announced yesterday, marking 1997 as the year of "England's Christian Heritage". More than 100 of Eng-lish Heritage's historic



The Becket chasse will go on display with the relics

properties, as well as other religious sites, are featured on a free souvenir map which depicts 200 church and other

ecclesiastical buildings.
In May, the Archbishop of
Canterbury. Dr George
Carey, will open a £1 million museum built by English Heritage among the ruins of St Augustine's Abbey in Can-

terbury, which St Augustine founded and where he was

English Heritage also announced a £10,000 restoration project to clean, conserve and protect the medieval tiles of the floor of the Chapter House at Westminster Abbey in London, the meeting place of Henry II's "great council"

The celebrations, which also commemorate the 1400th anniversary of the death of St Columba, will include a pilgrimage tracing the footsteps of Augustine and Columba, from Rome to Canterbury and then on to Londonderry.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chair-man of English Heritage, welcomed the Church's cooperation with English Heri-tage. "I feel that the church is stirring a bit," he said. "There is a spirit about, a breeze stirring in the trees. There is a sort of unstodginess about."

However, the Rev David Streater, director of the Church Society, a leading Protestant body, warned pilgrims against attributing miaculous powers to Becket's relics. 'Worship of relics is a well outdated medieval superstition. I urge people to go and look at the relics as individual historical artefacts, but to make them objects of worship is hudicrous and idolatrous."

Minister told to give up part-time NHS post

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

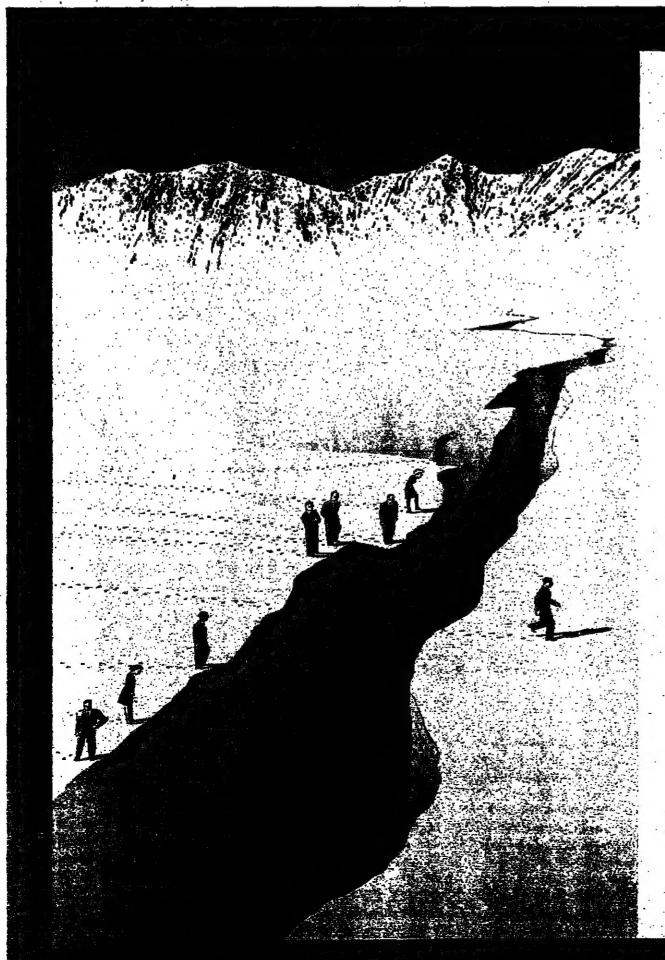
A CHURCH of Scotland minister has been told by his presbytery that he is involved in too many good works. They want him to give up his parttime job as chairman of an NHS trust to concentrate on pastoral duties. The Rev Roderick Camp-

bell, full-time minister at Mearns Parish Kirk in Glasgow, was appointed chairman of the Victoria Infirmary NHS Trust by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, last month, He is also padre to the Territorial Army, a member of Greater Glasgow Health Board, and a member of the Government-appointed com-mittee tackling drug abuse in Scotland.

Mr Campbell, 53, accepted the two-day-a-week NHS Trust job, which has a salary of £20,000, without consulting the Church. This week he was ordered by Glasgow Presbytery to give up the job after the presbytery, which is made up of practising and retired min-isters, voted 218 to 47 against his keeping it. Mr Campbell plans to appeal to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. In the meantime, he will remain chairman of the

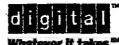
Prior to the vote, a delega tion from the Glasgow Presbytery visited Mr Campbell's parish to assess the mood of the congregation. Some said that Mr Campbell was extremely hard working, others that they were not getting the attention they deserved. Mr Campbell was not avail

able for comment yesterday. The Rev Sandy McDonald general secretary of the Church of Scotland's board of ministry, said: "Mr Campbell is one of our most able ministers, but I think the concern was the amount of work he would be taking on with this job. The issue is whether there would be enough time left to do the job he was called to do."



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Let judges make punishment fit the crime, say peers

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTED

THE Government Bill that would force the courts to impose tough mandatory sentences on persistent burglars and drug dealers is unclear and would produce bad law, the House of Lords was told

Lord Melntosh of Harinev. Labour's deputy leader in the Lords, said that his party was not opposed to the principle of mandatory sentences. But he insisted that the Crime (Sentences) Bill did not give judges enough discretion to set aside any fixed penalties in exceptional circumstances to

The Bill, which came up for its committee stage in the Lords yesterday, would oblige judges to impose a three-year sentence on third time burgiars and a seven-year sentence on third time Class A drug dealers. The Bill also proposes mandatory life sentences for a second serious violent or sexual oftence.

Lord McIntosh was speaking in favour of a Labour amendment which would give judges discretion to ignore the mandatory sentences if there were specific cirumstances which would make the punishment unjust. He denied Government charges that Labour was trying to wreck the Bill. Instead. Labour was trying to show the weakness in the existing judicial discretion contained in the Bill, which

said judges could ignore the

fixed penality in "exceptional

circumstances". Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, a former Tory Home Office Minister, said: "I believe in fact that the role of the legislature, of Parliament, is to provide a sentencing frame-work within which judges should pass sentences. Judges should be able to be free to fit the particular punishment to the particular crime."

He added: "I cannot see how we advance the cause of justice

by requiring judges to impose sentences which they believe to be unjust. I am not against severe sentences. But this is not a matter of being tough or not being tough on crime. It is a matter of providing judges sufficient discretion for justice to take place.

He said that the courts always interpreted the phrase "exceptional circumstances" very narrowly and the qualification would give judges very

Lord Carlisle said he was amazed that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, be-lieved that the Labour amendments would drive a "coach and horses" through the Bill. "I do not believe that senencing should be a matter for party politics. It is tragic that this Government appears to be in conflict with the judiciary on this. But I find it extraordinary that the Government does not heed the advice of the Lord Chief Jus-



Lord McIntosh: said Bill allowed judges too little discretion

tice and the Master of the

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, speak-ing in favour of the Labour

amendment, said: "Rules of

thumb do not provide the

answer to these problems

because passing a sentence is not a mathematical task. And

nowhere in the world does one

find evidence that the logarith-

mic tables or mechanical rules

of thumb yield better answers

than the courts of this coun-

try." He added: "All that we

Lord Donaldson: said that Parliament was wholly wrong plead for is that the courts should be given the power to decline to pass sentences which are offensive to their

professional and moral consciences. Surely that is not asking too much." Lord Dean of Harptree, a former Tory Deputy Speaker of the Commons, said he supported the Government's approach. It was right to protect innocent victims from nals. "I believe the Government would have been failing

in its duty had it not reacted to the increasingly serious situa-tion which we face," he said. Lord Elton, another former Tory Home Office Minister, said mandatory sentences would be unacceptable for first offences but were right for persistent offenders. Justice requires reliability for young people in particular. They want to know where they are.

Lord Donaldson, the former Master of the Rolls, said



Lord Bingham: courts need power to decline an unjust sentence

he appreciated that Parlia-ment had a duty to set guidelines for judges but that judges

should be able to criticise

Ministers

criticise

Dorrell

put-down

By PHILLP WEBSTER

SENIOR Cabinet ministers have privately criticised John Major for the way he rebuked

Stephen Dorrell over his gaffe

The Prime Minister sur-

prised colleagues by leaving Mr Dorrell, the Health Secre-

tary, "hanging out to dry" by suggesting on Tuesday that he had no special role on the constitution. Mr Dorrell had

suggested that a Tory govern-ment might abolish a Scottish

parliament set up by Labour.

that it was known within the

Cabinet that Mr Dorrell had been given the special cam-paigning brief, and that he had written articles and made

speeches on it. For Mr Major not to have mentioned it when asked who had responsibility

for devolution issues was seen as a deliberate put-down.

Ministers believe that Mr

Major may have felt the need

to cut Mr Dorrell down to size

because of his growing reput-

ation as a serious contender

IN PARLIAMENT

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for the Tory leadership.

One Cabinet minister said

on Scottish devolution.

Parliament when they disagreed with its decisions. I hope that we shall not be told again that the judges are in some way obstructing the will of Parliament," he said. They are advising that what Parliament is proposing is wholly wrong, that it would involve them in being asked to do things which they believe to be wholly unjust." This Bill rells them where they

blue as it is painted BY RUSSELL JENKINS ANOTHER Conservative

Wirral? It

is not as

minister swept through Wirral South yesterday trailing a "good news" message on the economy. It was lost on the residents of the Town Lane estate, Higher Bebington.

Alistair Burt, social security minister, joined the trail on the stomp in the well-heeled shopping streets of Heswall. Lord Archer was supposed to join him but his train broke down.

The Tory message to voters in the most important by-election for a generation that Conservative policies are creating jobs and prosperity— should play well in a constitu-ency described as a little bit of Surrey on Merseyside. Unemployment across the five wards stands at 5.7 per cent, compared with the national average of 6.7 per cent. There are 2,741 people claiming benefit, a fall of 11.1 per cent since

January last year.
But this is not the whole story in a constituency which has been moving steadly leftward for decades, whose residents commute to work in Liverpool and Birkenhead. No minister has yet penetrated as far as the Town Lane estate, where the percentage of job-less is higher. It has an unwanted reputation for

crime, drugs and vandalism. Shortly before the death of the MP Barry Porter, local voters remember him writing to them with a preamble acknowledging that it was unlikely they would agree with his politics, but that he would fight for their views. On the estate, the cream terraces and maisonettes are a stark constrast to the suburban

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semis of Heswall Sharon Cook, 27, off work claiming incapacity benefit. said that the biggest concerns were unemployment and crime. Her father, who has lost his job in the Health Service, has abandoned the Conservatives and will vote Labour for the first time. Miss Cook said: "Say you come from Town Lane estate when you go for a job and it will go against you. There is nothing for the kids to do."

Les Muise, a veteran Labour Party supporter, said: "Where I live, you could say that it was a solid Tory area. But over thirty years the professionals have lost their jobs and their businesses. The area has slowy been turned

around to Labour.' Between 1983 and 1992, Labour's share of the vote grew from 22.6 per cent to 34.6. In 1994, Labour won the Euro constituency of Cheshire West and Wirral with more

than 53 per cent. But if the Tories lose the byelection, voters across the country will have seen what to outsiders is a rock-solid Tory seat fall to Labour.



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Brown promises £3bn to combat underclass danger

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

GORDON BROWN committed a Labour government yes-terday to a £3 billion fight against unemployment, ex-pressing fears that Britain was in danger of developing an American-style "underclass".

Delivering Labour's largest, most specific and probably last spending pledge before the general election, the Shadow Chancellor said the programme to help the young and long-term unemployed would be "comfortably" financed by a windfall tax on the excess profits of privatised utilities.

The measures — including a £60 weekly tax rebate for firms that hire young people and £75 a week for those that take on the long-term unem-ployed — would be Labour's "new deal", the first building block of a new welfare state for the 1990s. They would help tens of thousands who felt part of an "abandoned and forgot-

He said that a fifth term of Tory government would risk taking the country "down the road of urban America, with no-work no-go inner-city areas on the one hand and perimeter fences with security guards on

Mr Brown said that the windfall tax, which has been judged legal by independent experts, would be in Labour's first Budget within weeks of an election victory. The jobs programme would be in operation by the autumn. Al-

though he has declined to say publicly how much the levy would raise, sources close to him are hinting at a figure of more than £5 billion. If it raises more than the £3 billion committed yesterday, he will use it to expand welfare-towork" measures.

He warned the utilities that they would not be able to raise the money by increasing prices but refused Tory demands to say which com-panies would have to pay. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, accused him of being

work in their family."

ing, but he said there would be

no option of remaining perma-

nently on full benefit.

In a BBC Radio interview, Mr Brown said that every privatised utility would be considered. Whether they were covered would be determined by "the extent of their" monopoly position, the weakness or not of the regulatory regime, and the value of the

assets on the point of sale".

Last night, delivering a lecture in memory of the former Labour Cabinet minister Anthony Crosland, Mr Brown said that one working age family in five had no one earning a wage and in some inner cities, including London and Glasgow, there were constituencies where up to 35 per cent of working age families had nobody in employment.

"A far-reaching modernisa-tion of the welfare state is essential and it must start with an assault on youth unem-ployment and long-term un-



New Labour is hardly the future Crosland envisaged

remarkable more perhaps for

his personality and writings than for his ministerial

achievements. The Future of

Socialism, published in 1956,

inspired a generation of dem-

ocratic socialists. But many of

its arguments about economic growth and the role of the State and markets have been

Mr Brown sought to revive Crosland's central theme of

equality. He acknowledged

differences over Crosland's

equal right to realise poten-

contradicted by events.

ordon Brown yester-day succumbed to the occupational disease of his trade, ancestor approv al. To assert legitimacy for current views, politicians claim the authority of their predecessors. The result is usually an unconvincing intellectual contortion to which the past is rewritten to justify the

Tories like to invoke Peel, Disraeli (now out of fashion). Salisbury (the latest "in" icon) Baldwin (a favourite of John Major), Macmillan (bizarrely cited last week by Michael Portillo) and, of course, Margaret Thatcher. On the Labour side, Bevan is a must for the old Left; Bevin for robust spokesmen of the workers; Attlee for solid men of government; Gaitskell for social emocrats: but Wilson, alas,

for almost no one, yet.
The danger is of indulging in a game of what if: what would x or y have said if they had still been alive now? No one knows whether they would have altered their views. Often, they might not, as Barbara Castle shows. Mr Brown fell into this trap last night when delivering the Anthony Crosland memorial ecture on the 20th anniversa-

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als for employment and edu-cation opportunity for all ry of his death. Crosland was

throughout life.

He outlined plans to spend £3 billion over the course of a Parliament from the windfall levy on the utilities to help to put young and long-term un-employed people back to work. The levy and the unemployment measures tend to be discussed together, when they are logically separate. The real point about the latter is less the novelty of the ideas. such as tax incentives for firms taking on the unem-ployed pioneered on a small scale by the Government, but in the size of the incentives

emphasis on social and economic equality as opposed to equality in political power. But the contrast is more and the overall programme. Perhaps his most revealing comment was when he ar gued that the real challenge fundamental. Mr Brown's version of equality is comfor left-of-centre politicians pletely different, as shown by was, like Crosland, to be "socialists and at the same time credible". Mr Brown his differences with Roy Hattersley, the most promiwants to show that he is not nent claimant to the Crosland only the "Iron Chancelior" in mantle. The Crosland-Hat-tersley view tilts towards waiting but that he also has equality of outcome, underradical instincts. A Labour pinning their support for comgovernment could make a difference - though it would be prehensive schools. Mr along very different lines from Brown regards equality of outcome as "neither desirable nor feasible" and stresses "the what Crosland envisaged.

PETER RIDDELL

Utilities in line for windfall tax

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE Concise Oxford English Dictionary defines a public utility simply as an organisation supplying services such as water, gas and electricity to the community.

So Labour's proposed windfall tax might apply to most privatised businesses. Alter-natively, it could fall only on the electricity, water and gas companies. It all depends on how Labour defines a utility. This how how the various companies might fare:

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from the takeover of Norweb the electricity company by North West Water. Has been at the eye of the storm over boardroom incentives.

Northern Electric: handed out so much cash to shareholders to fight off a takeover it triggered a fresh regulatory price review. Shelled out £550 million in a successful defence against Trafaigar House and has since been bought by CE Electric of America.

Yorkshire Water: villified for poor service during the drought of 1995 and for leaking one third of its water

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supplies. Made £162 million profits last year and recently started a scheme to give back £145 million to shareholders.

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British Gas: from Monday will divide into two companies. The newly named BG will include the pipelines and international business, while Centrica will supply gas to homes and industry. Big doubts must hang over whether a windfall tax could be levied on Centrica. Its finances are, weak from exposure to expensive take-or-pay com-

tracts for gas supply and it will not pay a dividend initially. The power generators are not utilities in that they do not supply a commodity. The companies will argue that they operate in a competitive environment. They are not regulated but National Power and PowerGen, the two largest generators, have both returned more than £1 billion

each to investors. BT: The company has functioned in a competitive environment for years and would argue strongly against inclu-sion in a utilities tax.

Neither British Airways nor BAA, the business that runs airports, is likely to have to pay. It would be difficult to describe an airline as a utility under anything but the broadest of definitions.

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Chinese caught in Korean wrangle over defector

FROM JAMES PRINGLE
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THE suspense surrounding the apparent defection of a North Korean political leader to a South Korean diplomatic compound in Beijing showed no sign of letting up yesterday as Seoul sent a delegation for talks with Chinese officials.

The Chinese Government seems uncertain how to proceed, given its long-standing political ties with the isolated Stalinist state and its more recent but strong trade links with South Korea.

North Korean diplomats sat in cars in a normally quiet tree-lined street near the South Korean consulate compound where Hwang Jang Yop, 72, a confidant of the North Korean leader, Kim Jong II, took refuge after arriving in a taxi with an aide on Wednesday.

Held back by Chinese police, correspondents saw South Korean officials leave the compound in cars, followed at speed by a vehicle containing North Koreans. Chang Moon Ik, a South Korean diplomat, said some North Koreans had tried to enter the compound on Wednesday night, but Chinese guards had prevented them



Hwang fear of kidnap from doing so. "I think South Korea has kidnapped these two officials," said one of several North Koreans, waiting in the tower office block housing the South Korean Embassy. "The impossible

has happened."

The willingness of the North Koreans in the past to resort to state terrorism gave rise to speculation that the Pyongyang officials — or security men — might try to kidnap Mr Hwang, the highest-ranking North Korean ever to defect, or even kill him, rather than have him taken to Seoul.

The Chinese Foreign Minimum.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry summoned correspondents who were issued with a statement by an official, Tang Guoqiang, urging calm in the interests of peace and stability and saying that Beijing was investigating the sinuation.

"We had not been informed in advance of Hwang's transit through Beijing," said Mr Tang, referring to the passage of Mr Hwang from Japan, where he had been attending a seminar, through Beijing, where he was scheduled to catch a train for the North Koream capital.

China has an agreement

with North Korea to return any North Korean who is here without authorisation or appropriate papers. However, Mr Hwang, as an old guard member of the central committee of the Workers' Party, presumably had valid papers. In Seoul, Yoo Chong Ha, the

In Seoul, Yoo Chong Ha, the South Korean Foreign Minister, said Mr Hwang had decided to defect because he could no longer tolerate social disparities in the North. But sources in Tokyo offered an alternative explanation.

Mr Yoo claimed that disen-

chantment with the Pyongyang regime motivated Mr Hwang to request asylum in the South Korean Embassy in Berjing. South Korea requested the Chinese authorities to grant the defector safe passage out of the country, while Pyongyang was reported to be pressing for Mr Hwang's



Beijing police bar access yesterday to the South Korean Embassy, where a North Korean official has apparently sought political asylum

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return. The Foreign Minister, who is scheduled to take up the issue in talks with his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, in Singapore today, said Mr Hwang had given a written statement explaining why he decided to flee. He was also applying for asylum in South Korea of his own free will, the minister said. Mr

Hwang had spent two weeks

in Japan attending an international seminar before leaving on February II for Pyongyang via Beijing, where he made his

The visit was not a great success: while in Tokyo he had asked to meet Japanese government and ruling party officials in the hope of securing more food aid to alleviate acute shortages in his impov-

erished homeland. However, his request for talks was turned down by the Japanese side, worried about antagonising South Korea. Japanese sources also said that Mr Hwang may have failed to to thain desperately needed cash from the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, many of whose members of the North Korean communities' packinko (pinball parlours). According to official records, the North Korean community in Japan sent \$600 million, to North Korean (£370 million) to North Korean from the packinko (pinball parlours).

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According to official records, the North Korean community in Japan sent \$600 million (E370 million) to North Korea in 1994, much of it derived from the pachinko business.

This flow has dwindled, the serving loyalty to the Kin Jong II regime.

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Planning further emergency food aid for North Korea (Ton Rhodes writes). It is certain to contribute to an appeal fo \$41.6 million (E25 million) in

economic problems as well as

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food aid made this week by the

World Food Programme.

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Hubble captured for refit in space

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Hubble Space Telescope was captured by the space shuttle Discovery for a refit yesterday after a two-day chase by the astronaut who first put it into orbit.

Steve Hawley, the 45-yearold astronomer who released the high-powered telescope into space in 1990, abandoned a desk job to rejoin Nasa's astronaut corps for the mission to modernise the \$2 billion (£1.25 billion) observatory. Operating a 50ft robot arm on board the space shuttle, he spared the slivery 12torne telescope after a two-day revenit 360 miles above Farth

pursuit 360 miles above Earth.

"I wish you could see the expression on Dr Stevie's face," Ken Bowersox, the shuttle commander, radioed back to mission control. "Looks like he just shook hands with an old friend."

Marc Garneau, at mission control, replied: "Congratulations to all of you for an outstanding rendezvous and a

great capture. We are looking forward to getting out there and starting to work on that

The observatory is to be fitted with two high-technology instruments, each of which is about the size of a large refrigerator.

An infra-red camera costing \$105 million will enable astronomers to see deeper into the universe than ever before, and a \$125 million spectrograph will aid the search for black holes.

The Hubble, which has travelled 996 million miles since being launched and circled the Earth more than 37,000 times, will also have some worn-out components

It is the first maintenance visit to the Hubble since a major mission to repair equipment which caused it to have blurred vision in 1993. The next maintenance trip is scheduled for 1999.

Spaniard killed in truckers' dispute

By Tunku Varadarajan in madkid and Mare Henderson

TWO BRITISH lorry drivers were beaten up and a Spanish picket was crushed to death under a French lorry yesterday as the drivers dispute which has paralysed Spain

entered its second week.

Kim Butler, from Dover,
was pulled from his cab on a
motorway outside Bilbao and
hit with a baseball bat by a
picket. Mr Butler, who was
not seriously injured, said the
pickets also threatened to burn
his lorry if he tried to continue
his journey between Burgos

and Bilbao.

In Burgos, in north-central Spain, Steve Crawley, 28, from Southend, was beaten by pickets after being stopped at a toll booth, where his windscreen was smashed.

About 600 foreign lorries have been forced into an industrial estate in the city, where many drivers have had their tyres slashed and windscreens broken. Strikers were also blocking motorways by hanging rocks from bridges at windscreen level. There were also unconfirmed reports last night that four foreign drivers, including one Briton, had been shot.

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The death of the picket,
Carmelo Ausin Peña, occurred
at Villaquirán de los Infantes,
near Burgos, when a French
trucker deliberately drove his
vehicle into a massed rank of
pickets. The driver, Joel
Ferreira, was arrested 25 miles
from the scene and has been
charged with murder.

In a separate incident, a nine-year-old Portuguese girl was critically ill in a hospital in Badajoz, in Extremadura, after pickets attacked the lorry in which she was travelling with her father. She was struck in the face by a brick that was thrown through the windscreen.

Starting first in the north of

the country, the strike has now spread to every corner of Spain. Called on February 6 by the union Federans, it has brought chaos to the country's motorways and haited all traffic at Spain's borders with France and Fortugal. Scores of British drivers have been immobilised for several days. Rafael Arias Salgado, the Minister of Development, has urged the strikers to "sit down at the table and talk". Yesterday, in a conciliatory gesture, he promised to subsidise the price of diesel by "at least" 10

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pesetas (4p) per litre.

Rejecting the subsidy offer as "insufficient". Pedro Martín, chief spokesman for Fedetrans, vowed in "carry on the strike for as long as it takes to secure the union's full package of demands". In addition to cheaper fuel, the drivers want the age of compulsory retirement to be reduced to 60, and that of voluntary retirement with full benefits to be lowered.





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Iran's elite guard insist Rushdie should be killed

ATTEMPTS by the Iranian Government to play down a resh row over Salman Rush-T lie sulfered a setback yes-Li erday when the country's m Revolutionary Guards insistla d that the novelist be murat lered. They also vowed to fiv confront anyone attempting to Ct filute the fatwa or prevent its mplementation.

The call, on the eve of the m eighth anniversary of the late in ayatollah Khomeini's decree. ur ame a day after a shadowy ur ranian religious foundation pl ncreased the bounty on Mr tal Rushdie's head by \$500,000 £307,000) to \$2.5 million. th President Rafsanjani said his overnment did not support he move and officials insisted hat the foundation was

The Revolutionary Guards. nowever, are an integral part of the Iranian establishment. They were formed on May 5. 979, on the orders of Khomeiii. who charged them with

safeguarding the Islamic revolution and its gains. In a statement, published in

the hardline Jomhuri Islami newspaper, the Revolutionary Guards vowed to confront anyone seeking to "dilute the fatwa or working to prevent it from being implemented". This was seen as a challenge to pragmatists such as President Rafsanjani. His Government

Tehran 'helping in oil smuggling'

Washington: Iran is offering safe passage to oil tankers smuggling fuel out of Iraq in violation of United Nations sanctions, according to Vice-Admiral Thomas Fargo, commander of America's Fifth Fleet (Tom Rhodes writes). He said it was a sign of co-operation between the former enemies, but the main motive appeared to be profit.

insists the fatwa carroot be lifted, being a religious edict. but has said that assassins will not be sent to kill the author of The Satanic Verses.

This assurance was recently repeated by Ali Akbar Nategh-Nuri, the parliamentary Speaker widely expected to succeed Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani after July's presidential

Western diplomats in Tehran said that the author had become a pawn in a prolonged power struggle between moderates and hardliners which is expected to become more heated as the elections near. Delhi: An Indian Muslim

scholar, Zaheeruddin Qadri, 59, is to publish a rejoinder in English to Mr Rushdie's controversial book. His Final Verses, already selling in Urdu, would be "a chapter-bychapter rejoinder", he said. Qadri was quoted as saying: "It is ready but ... experts are



strained by ropes wound round their necks, are led away by Pakistani police yesterday after being arrested during a protest in Karachi against last week's

attacks on Christians in Pun-

190 Christians held in Karachi protest

The Christians had as sembled outside the GoverChristians in Khanewal and a nearby village, Shantin-agar, about 280 miles southwest of Islamabad.

Police made the arrests who chanted "Live

threw stones and brandished sticks, damaging parked vehicles. Earlier, in speeches at

Pakistan's Muslim-dominat-ed population of 130 million. The February 6 rioting in Khanewal was sparked by allegations that crumpled pages from the Koran and pieces of paper bearing insuling remarks against the Prephet had been thrown

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Around 250,000 Christians

Indian police blind suspected gamblers with chilli powder

SEVEN men accused of illegal gambling and other minor offences have been blinded by Indian police who rubbed a chilli powder concoction into their eyes to extract confessions. It is one of the most horrific police atrocities since the "Bhagalpur blindings" a decade ago, when criminals had their eyes gouged out with bicycle spokes to halt a crime

Doctors are treating the men in hospital, but say it will be a month before the permanent damage to their eyesight can be assessed. Police used a spiced version of a herbal preparation, meant for treating muscular pain, to torque the men, who were carlier ordered to strip and beat each

Police in India have a wretched reputation; with rare exceptions, the lower ranks

are corrupt and abusive. The case came to light after a doctor made public a letter he had sent to the local police chief in Rajkot, in the western state of Gujarat, complaining about what he called "cruel inhuman and bizarre"

Lawyers in the city are planning to take the case to the Indian Human Rights Commission, a government-spon-sored body with a mixed reputation for investigating abuses committed by police and soldiers.
Dr Rekha Gosalia, superin-

tendent of the G.T. Sheth Hospital near Rajkot, said some or all of the victims could suffer permanent blindness.

Local police chiefs say they have demanded a detailed report but it is rare for police to prosecute their own officers. Most of those involved in the Bhagaipur affair, in the northern state of Bihar, were never

charged. Journalists in Gujarat investigating the latest atrocity said police took turns to apply

the ointment to the men's eyes.

Mangaldas Prabhudas, 45,
one of the victims, was quoted as saying: "When we started rubbing our eyes they caught hold of us and administered the second dose. I lost my vision immediately."

Another victim, Jeevan Mashru, said the police had administered a second application of the cream when they discovered that he was still able to open his ey

first dose. "All the others were crying out in pain, which prompted another round of thrashing by police, this time on the

Five of the victims were accused of illegal gambling; one of the other two had been arrested in a minor narconics case and the other for minor-

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After seeing one of the victims, Dr Gosalia was quoted as saying: "He was not even allowed first aid when his eyes got swollen, causing blindness. The police brought him here after ten days, by which time considerable damage had been done to his cornea, causing partial or total blindness."

The district magistrate of Rajkot said last night that he had been instructed by the Guiarat state Government to inquire into the affair and report directly to the state

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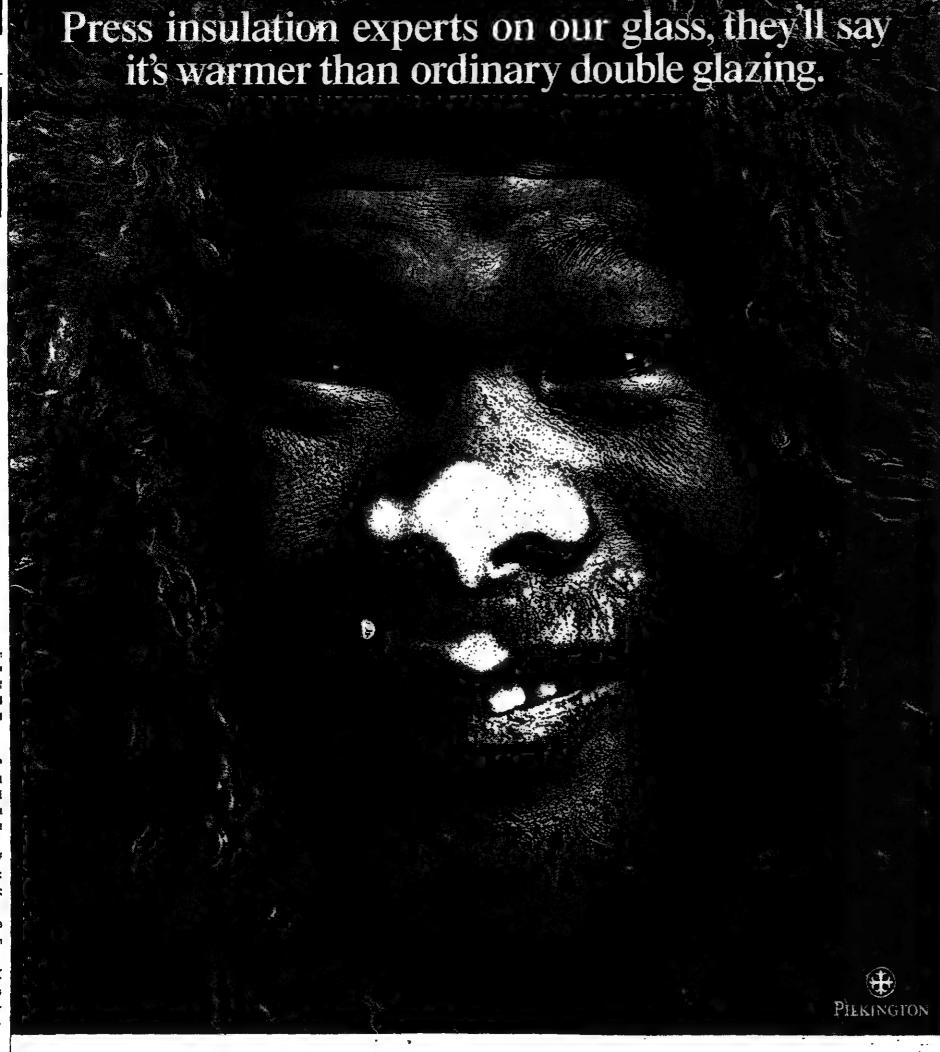
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Blacks in South Africa turn against job quotas

roday shows that a majority of South Africans are against the affirmative action hiring practises that are a centrepiece of government policy and nearly universal in the private sector.

The indications are, moreover, that opinion - including black opinion - has hardened against the policy over the past

Something depends, of course, on definition. Only 23 per cent of voters thought that jobs should go to blacks on principle or until they have a proportionate share of all jobs. But another 22 per cent thought blacks should be appointed to jobs provided they were the equal of other applicants, and if they were not, then the best person should be appointed.

But this is no longer what is meant by affirmative action in South Africa. When a job is announced as an affirmativeaction appointment it means whites need not apply, and probably Coloureds and Asians need not either. Those in the 22 per cent who favour this option can hardly be counted on the affirmative-action side. Even if they are, there is a 54 to 45 per cent majority against, and on the tighter definition of affirmative action the majority

against is 76 to 23 per cent.

An opinion poll has revealed a nation in two minds: happy with President Mandela but critical of the ANC's liberal policies, writes R.W. Johnson in Johannesburg

Not surprisingly, the survey, conducted by Markdata, found that more educated Africans - the most likely beneficiaries - were keener on the policy than blue-collar workers and the unemployed, who were strongly against But even among the mosteducated blacks support fell well short of 50 per cent, leaving one to conclude that the policy is favoured by a

very narrow stratum of poten-

tial beneficiaries only. The poll also shows a huge majority of all races against the Government's new liberal abortion law and mounting resentment against illegal immigrants; the ANC is far more liberal on social policy than its natural constituency.

On the other hand, a clear majority of all races wants to keep the functions of government split between three cities Pretoria (administrative capital), Cape Town (legislative capital) and Bloemfontein (judicial capital) - rather than concentrated in a single capiswung, however, in favour of splitting the police force into provincial and city forces perhaps a sign of frustration with the high crime rate, but perhaps also a reflection of the low level of trust in the police shown in the survey.

A curious split-level reality

emerges from the data. Massive majorities of all races are satisfied with Mr Mandela as President, but far fewer are satisfied with the Government. When voters are asked to judge on issues, they are unhesitatingly negative about its record. So, at the top level there is a continued liberation euphoria now at odds with opinion on day-to-day life.

There are two particularly worrying signs for the Government. One is that dissatisfaction levels peak in its traditional stronghold of the Eastern Cape. Secondly, Africans are still massively optimistic that conditions will improve for them over the next year or two - yet the economy is slowing and these

It is in the Eastern Cape, too, that support for Bantu Holomisa, who has broken away from the ANC to form

his own party, peaks. The survey finds that Mr Holomisa leads the field there (and picks up significant support in the Western Cape, too) as a popular choice for the next President. Deputy President Thabo

Mbeki, already the ANC's anointed choice, led the field of presidential contenders but with a surprisingly weak 25 per cent showing. Currently he is picking up only two ANC votes out of every five African ANC supporters and among Asians only one ANC voter in six. His problem is that he lacks a popular base and has the support of only 27 per cent of his own Xhosa-speaking

group.
The former ANC party boss. Cyril Ramaphosa, who left politics in favour of a business career, runs a strong second as choice of future President and among the emergent black middle class leads Mr Mbeki by two to one.

Although Mr Mbekl is certain to succeed Mr Mandela, the survey provides an unvarnished picture of the frag-mented political reality that seems likely to ensue.

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Young recruits to Zaire's rebel army, which has taken the key town of Isiro, hail their leader, Laurent Kabil

Rwanda genocide 'masterminds' for trial

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

COLONEL Theoneste Bagosora and three other people accused of masterminding the 1994 genocide in Rwanda will go on trial next Wednesday, the United Nations war crimes tribunal for Rwanda announced yesterday.

Colonel Bagosora was permanent secretary in the Defence Ministry of the Hutu-dominated regime which was de-feated by an army of rebel Tutsis. Earlier,

than 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus. The others to go on trial, in the north Tanzanian town of Arusha, are Colonel Anatole Nsengiyumva, who was head of military intelligence, Ferdinand Nahi-mana, who was head of the Rwanda Information Office, and Andre Ntagerura, who was Minister of Trans-

Meanwhile, the tribunal's chief prose-

port. The tribunal cannot hand down

are due to appear in New York next Friday to respond to an internal UN investigation that has accused the tribunal of mismanagement and failing to

pursue leading genocide suspects.
In Kinshasa, Zaire's Defence Ministry acknowledged yesterday that rebels had taken the key town of Isiro, 210 miles northeast of Kisangani, the country's third largest city. The ministry said it

De Klerk calls for

Cape Town: Former President F.W. de Klerk has sounded the rallying call for a major realignment of politics in South Africa and gave notice that his National Party was searching for allies as he fended off charges of a crisis in his leadership (Inigo

Gilmore writes). Mapping out his agenda for the coming year. Mr de Klerk gave a warning that without a political shake-up South Africa was heading for one-party rule. He repeated

National Congess with a view to elections in 1999.

"The moderate forces, the moderate thinkers, must find ways of rising above their old prejudices," he said.

stole Mr de Klerk's thunder by inviting the Democratic Party and Pan Africanist Congress for talks about Cabinet posts. The Inkatha Freedom Party has also been sweetened by Mr Mandela's appointment of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi as acting President while on a recent



President Mandela recently

anti-ANC alliance

his wall for like-minded forces to unite against the African

Democrats attacked | Vietnamese girls leap to death in

FROM ASSOCIATED PRIOS

DISTRAUGHT and forlorn, four 16-year-old girls are a their wrists with a silk scarf and leapt from a bridge to their deaths in a suicide pact.

Police in southern Viet-nam's Ho Chi Minh City are still investigating why the girls killed themselves on Monday.

The four worked at a chopstick factory near the city; formerly Saigon, the state-run newspaper Youth reported

According to witnesses, the girls were seen wandering on the city's Xang bridge. They ate a final meal there, before throwing their shoes, clothing and other belongings into the water. Then they leapt, bound by the wrists. Some people tried to save them but the current swept them away, the newspaper reported.

Three bodies were recovered the next day.

Police quoted relatives as saying that the girls had been showing signs of discress and drunk. There was a suggestion that they were having problems with boyfriends and they had apparently left their homes several days earlier. Teenage suicide is rare in



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were attacked yesterday by Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive-designate, for going. abroad to warn the world that

De Klerk: time to rise

the colony was facing collapse.

For the first time in public, Mr Tung's affability cracked and his voice shook with anger. His unnamed target was Martin Lee, the chairman of the Democratic Party. which holds most seats in the Legislative Council - which is to be replaced on July 1 by Beijing's appointed body.

Mr Lee has been touring European capitals seeking support for Hong Kong's hu-man and political rights after the takeover.

Recently some well-known people including the Democranc Party have blackened the reputation of Hong Kong overseas ... giving the impression that it is collapsing. There are different views

as to the speed of democracy." Mr Tung said. "Where to fix the balance between individual rights and the order of our society ... These are issues which should be talked through in Hong Kong instead of going overseas in such a way that it creates doubts and confusion which may or may not affect investment, and invites foreign countries to tell

us how to do things." Speaking from Europe, Mr Lee responded: There are indeed doubts and confusion in foreign countries. We now

suicide pact the same time ... We want

people to speak up and save Hong Kong. We want them to speak to the Chinese leaders to get them to wind up this appointed illegal legislature. Then our worries would be over and overseas investors would be very happy to come to Hong Kong. The root of the problem does not lie with the messenger but with the truth

of the message."

The day before, a close associate of Mr Tung said that Hong Kong was threatened by "chaos". He said new "technical" laws to be imposed by China were necessary to control demonstrations, and "so that people will absolutely understand they have to obey the law". He added that police were unable to arrest wrong-

doers under present laws. Asked why the police testify that the present laws are sufficient to deal with almost invariably peaceful demonstrations and parades, he said: They have to say that. It's the government line. It's not what

they really think." When it was noted that Anson Chan, the chief secre-tary, and Donald Tsang, financial secretary, both expressed alarm at proposed Bill of Rights cuts, Mr Tung's aide said since they would be serving in the next govern-ment in would be better for them not to speak. It just confuses people."

British Council faces storm of protest over library closures

By MARK HENDERSON

THE British Council is facing a storm of protest from expa-triates and educationists following its decision to close nearly all its lending libraries in Western Europe and South-East Asia

Libraries have been closed in every Western European country except France, and services have also been cut in Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand. The council aviil replace the leading libraries with computerised "information centres" with access to the Internet and CD-Roms and scaled down, reference only libraries. It claims its lending libraries duplicate other pub-

Library users, though, say Britain is losing a unique service that builds foreign

goodwill. Andrew Leech, an Anglo-Greek teacher who campaigned against closure of the Athens library in December, said yesterday that English-language teaching and influence would be hit.

A group of Greek academies at the University of Athens said the closure would have "a deplorable effect on the prospecis for Greek students studying in English". More than half the library's subscribers were Greek students, and it had the largest stock of English books in Greece.

money to reopen the library privately, supported by the Australian, Irish, South African, Canadian and Pakistani embassies. Britain has not contributed. Stephan Roman, the British

Council's director of information services, said the council had to target resources to-wards influencing decisionmakers and promoting British trade, culture and education "Lending libraries are no longer achieving this goal in the developed world," he said. The council has no plans to close lending libraries in India or Africa, which still attract thousands of Mr Leech is trying to raise subscribers.

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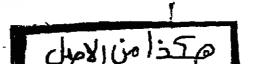
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Smugglers cash in as police abandon Albanian riot port

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN VLORE, ALBANIA

THE coast road winds down into the dilapidated port of Vlore, past barricades of boulders and burnt-out cars.

Vlore, on the Adriatic, is where riots over savings lost in fraudulent "pyramid" funds have come the closest yet to bringing down the Govern-ment of President Berisha. Torn between an intensified crackdown and retreat, Mr Berisha chose retreat this week, withdrawing all police from the town after some of the worst riots that Albania has seen in more than a month

Residents of this rundown seaside town are left jubilant but baffled. Several thousands again took to the pot-holed, rubbish-strewn streets yester-day, chanting "Down with the Government" and "Resign. resign". There were reports that senior members of the ruling Democratic Party had called on Aleksandr Meksi. the Prime Minister, to step

Police continued to block opposition demonstrations in the centre of Tirana, and at Viore extra troops were shipped into the military base on the island of Sazan, clearly

At the cemetery, in olive

people filed past the freshly dug grave of Artur Rustemi, the 34-year-old shopkeeper shot dead during a day of mayhem in which police and

protesters pelted each other with stones. Smashed paving stones litter the streets. "He was killed by the police," the gravedigger told me, turning over the heavy clay soil. I told him that the

police deny it. "A sniper," he

A colour photograph on the flower-covered grave shows a balding man with a long, smiling face. On either side are the graves of the two men in their fifties who died of heart attacks during the

At the hospital, where the wounded were taken, the stench of garbage and decay almost overpowers the disinfectant. "Let's hope Berisha does not bring in the troops," one nurse said. "We can hardly cope as it is."

Down in the town are the gutted remains of the local headquarters of the Democratic Party, set on fire during Mr Rusteml's funeral. Yesterday, as rumours swept Vlore that Vefa, one of the biggest pyramid business empires. was about to collapse ending any hope of refunds, demon-

strators debated whether to burn and loot a Vefa-owned hotel on the seashore. But quickest to take advan-

tage of the police retreat were the local smugglers, who — scarcely believing their luck — took back more than 100speedboats confiscated by police for transporting illegal immigrants, cigarettes, mari-juana and other contraband. "We grow the best marijuana in the world," said one man as I watched him winching his

Vlore, ruled in the past by Romans, Venetians, Turks and Italians, has long had a reputation for brigandry. A plaque on a seaside café marks the spot where Ismail Qemali, a local bey, declared Albania's independence from the Ottomans in 1912.

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Today the brigands are Mafia-backed "businessmen", whose opulent wealth and flashy cars contrast with the rubble and grime of Viore's daily life.

Albanian and Italian matiosi were heavily involved in pyramid schemes such as Gjalliuca, the Vlore-based fund, which Italian police say was used for Maña money-



A woman brandishes an Albanian banknote during a demonstration in Viore yesterday as protests over collapsed pyramid funds continued. Earlier this week the Government withdrew police from the town

padded shoulders and dark glasses who look as if they come from the back streets of Naples, and in some cases do. Yesterday "liberated" speed-

boats were being used once

again to spirit desperate Alba-

nians to Italy, despite Italian efforts to intercept them. The going rate, I was told at the port, îs \$1,500 (£950) per îliegai

Police also blamed underworld gangs for the shooting of Shezai Zazi, an off-duty der arose from a feud, with policeman, at his home in maliosi taking advantage of the temporary anarchy to Viore on Wednesday night. He was sprayed with automatic of the head with a revolver.

Local journalists said the mur-

settling of scores before this is

Dutch child killings spark 'copycat' fears

FROM MARK FULLER IN AMSTERDAM

AUTHORITIES in The Netherlands appealed for a news blackout yesterday after a wave of killings of children by

Psychologists, police and ju-dicial officials fear more "copycat" killings after five cases involving the murders of nine children in four weeks. In the latest, a 41-year-old Amsterdam, admitted murdering his wife and six-year-

ary 15, when police found the

their home, also in Hoofddorp. Their parents, who failed in suicide attempts, admitted the murders, claiming that they had never recovered from the death of a fourth child from leukaemia two

hears ago. Four days later police arrested a 36-year-old woman, accused of suffocating her days later a divorced father of 43 shot his two sons, aged seven and nine, and bimself. A week ago another divorced man killed his son, eight, and

Art world defies the French Far Right

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French art establishment yesterday locked horos with the extremeright National Front over allegations of cultural censorship, as more than 150 of the country's writers joined a swelling protest against tough anti-immigration laws.

More than 1,000 filmmakers, actors, singers and authors converged on the southern port of Tonlon to demonstrate against the sacking of a left-wing theatre director and the closure of his cultural centre by the city's National Front Mayor.

Gerard Paquet, director of the Châteauvallon the-atre and cultural centre, was recently dismissed by the Mayor, Jean-Marie Le Chevallier, prompting outrage in artistic circles. The centre became a focus of opposition to the National Front last year after M Le Chevallier benned a tribute to the Jewish writer Marek Halter, "What is happen-ing is typical of a totalitarian or fascist state

attacking culture and free-dom," said Jacques Higelin, the rock star, one of hundreds of artists and entertainers who travelled overnight to Toulon on a "Freedom Train". Claude Chabrol, the

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The following of

film director, and actor Roger Hanin were among those who marched through Toulon before assembling at a court hearing about M. Paquet's dismissal, which was adjourned.

A group of 155 French writers and intellectuals backed a protest by filmmakers against laws re-quiring citizens to report the arrival and departure

of foreign guests without residence permits.

Mayor quits: The May-or of Cannes, Michel on remand resigned a week after the Supreme Courl rejected his appeal corruption. (Reuter)

Brussels gives British economy bill of health



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BRITAIN featured as a model of economic health yesterday in a report by the European Commission that called on member states to apply more reforms along British lines and said that budget fudging" would not guarantee them a berth in monetary union.

The Commission's annual study of the EU economy made the most of signs of accelerating growth, but this alone would not be enough to make more than a dent in the painfully high level of unemployment, which is now running at an average of 10.8 per cent, it said. The Commission rehearsed the standard argument that Europe must preserve its 'social model", the doctrine of the welfare state that distinguishes West Europe from the US and other big

From Charles Bremner in brussels

market approach preached by John Major, it called for greater effort to ditch rigid wage laws and tax habits which have driven up unemployment.

"High wage and non-wage labour costs as well as ... rigid employment

security rules have reduced the attractiveness of labour as a production factor," said the 200-page report. In a forzy into a political minefield, it urged governments to promote jobs for the young and less skilled by waiving rules on minimum wages and cutting social charges. in France and other EU states, it said: Technological change and globalisation are not the cause of unemployment."

ain's buoyant economy, with a jobless level falling below 7.9 per cent, stood out

in contrast to most other member states. "Since the 1980s the United Kingdom has undertaken a series of deregulatory labour market measures designed to reduce the cost to employers of hiring labour," it noted. Mainly as a result, unemployment was "much lower than

the EU average".
The Commission, whose President is Jacques Santer, produced no new forecasts on the question of which countries will match the criteria for monetary union in 1999. The so-called Maastricht mance in 1997. However, it said there was a danger that the once-off budget manocuvres being employed by a dozen states to scrape under the Maastricht threshold would not create the sustain-



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FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Chinese Embassy Washington was used channel illegal Asian donations to help President Clinton's re-election, the man who helped to uncover Watergate

claimed yesterday.

Bob Woodward, writing in
The Washington Post, said a Justice Department investigation into fundraising irregu-larities had found evidence that Chinese diplomats used their mission as a centre to solicit money from foreign

Although denied by the embassy, the allegation adds a new diplomatic and counterintelligence dimension to the burgeoning inquiry into Asian donations, a scandal which seems set to dog Mr Clinton's second term.

Combined with expected congressional subpoenas against former Clinton Administration officials, the allegation may result in the appointment of an indepen-

Several federal agencies were said to have conducted electronic surveillance at the embassy and the Justice Department was treating its inquiry as "serious".

Mr Woodward, an indefatigable investigative journalist and managing editor of The

Washington Post, said evidence of involvement by the Chinese Government had led the FBI to increase the number of special agents working on its task force from a mere handful to 25.

Mike McCurry, Mr Clinton's press secretary, said that to the "best of his knowledge" no one at the White House knew of any clandestine planning in the embassy.

The Clinton Administration has made disparaging noises to Beijing about human rights, Hong Kong, trade issues and weapons proliferation. It sent a carrier group to the Taiwan Strait last year when the Chinese were engaged in sabre-rattling ahead of the island's elections.

The Clinton Administra-tion, particularly since re-election, has sought to engage the Chinese further, Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, is to visit Beijing this month and has said that Sino-American relations will not be held hostage to any single

The President is also planning to visit China and has invited President Jiang Zemin to Washington. Mr Clinton, whose interest in the region. stems from connections made

Arkansas, has long argued for a policy of active engagement. American businessmen are eager to enter the fast-emerging Far Eastern markets.
The Chinese have increased

their lobbying in Washington, concerned that Taiwan and Israel appear more successful

Investigators have long sus-pected a Chinese connection to the current fundraising scandal because several big donors to the Democratic Party had strong links to Beijing. Charles Yah Lin Trie, a former Arkansas restaurateur who is now an international businessman, used his influence to take a Chinese arms dealer to the White House.

John Huang, the former Commerce Department offi-cial at the centre of the fundraising scandal, was born in China and worked for the Lippo Group, the Indonesian conglomerate which has extensive interests in the People's Republic.

Last month Gerald Solo-mon, the Republican chairman of the House rules committee, asked the FBI to investigate Mr Huang and Lippo with an eye to "potential economic espionage against



President and Mrs Clinton and Vice-President and Mrs Gore at the service. Below, the actor Gregory Peck, who was among the mourners



President's tribute to ally Harriman

PAMELA HARRIMAN was praised by President Clinton at her funeral yesterday as a cherished friend who helped him to get his job. Today I am here in no small measure because she was there," he said, recalling how she had helped his first campaign for the White House.

She had revived his party's spirits when at a low ebb by forming a group that seemed at the time a "laughable

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

oxymoron" called Democrats for the Eighties. After that, her appointment as American Ambassador to France was one of the easiest choices he made for any job, Mr Clinton told a throng of Cabinet members, politicians, diplomats and friends who gathered at Washington National Cathedral to honour Mrs Harriman, who died,

In his eulogy. Mr Clinton said that

country bade her farewell with pro-found gratitude. "With the special appreciation of one not native-born. she felt to her bones America's special leadership role in the world," Mr Clinton told the congregation of 1,150. She had represented America with

Mrs Harriman, who was born in

Britain, had adopted the United States

with extraordinary devotion and her

Prince delivered to 'King of Pop'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGRLES

AS helicopters swarmed overhead and paparazzi laid siege to the hospital gates, Debble Rowe Jackson gave birth to a boy destined for a life of wealth and weirdness in roughly equal measure.

Sources at Cedars Sinai Medical Centre in Beverly Hills said the second Mrs Michael Jackson gave birth to the 6lb |202 baby at lam

yesterday morning. The King of Pop's first child



Jackson: child said to be named after him

was reportedly named Michael Jackson Jr, but was instantly dubbed the Prince of Pop by the tabloid army.

Michael Jackson Sr., who

still claims to be living out a childhood denied him by an overbearing father, married Debbie Rowe in a hastily-arranged midnight ceremony in a Sydney hotel last year after reports emerged that he had paid her over \$500,000 (£310,000) to carry his child.

The wedding came less than a year after Mr Jackson's Presley, Elvis's daughter, and less than three years after his \$20 million out-of-court settlement of a child abuse scandal that threatened to ruin his-

The couple met while Ms Rowe was working as a nurse at his plastic surgeon's office. They have denied reports that America a "guilt trip". she was impregnated by artificial insemination, was paid for the pregnancy and will be paid again to relinquish all custody rights should they whirlwind round-the-world

Albright mission to back Nato and EU expansion

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, the American Secretary of State, will arrive in Europe next week with a message that America wants the enlargement of Nato to be accompanied by a rapid widening and deepening of the European Union.

She will take a tough stance towards Russia's concerns about extending Nato membership to Central and East-European states, emphasising that it will be down the process. The State Department will also take a sceptical line towards the Russian claim that enlargement will stir up political tensions by giving power to hardline isolationist factions. The Clinton Administration regards this as an attempt to give

Ms Albright's visit to Europe, where unresolved questions about Nato enlargement dominate relations with the US, comes at the start of a

tour, including Russia and China. However, President Clinton sees Nato expansion. where America's role is clear and essential, as promising ground for negotiations, in contrast to tortuous problemsolving in Bosnia-Herzegovi-na, the Middle East and Northern Ireland.

Nato members will meet to thrash out terms of expansion in July in Madrid. That will come after a meeting between President Clinton and Presiwhich Russia will voice again its anxiety at seeing its former satellites drawn within a European security blanket.

Washington regards Rus-sia's demand that Nato should not put its equipment or troops on new members' soil as unreasonable. The State Department takes the view that new members should have all the rights of membership.

America is more sympathetic to Russia's concern that an enlarged Nato should not sprawl eastwards. Nato members have said that an enlarged organisation would not deploy nuclear weapons on the new members' soil. Washington will encourage Russia to rely for reassurance on signed agreements with the alliance's members, which will however not be legally

binding.
Washington's tough stance is based partly on the view that the transformation which Russia is undergoing is so profound and disruptive that blame any apparent external threat for its problems. At the same time the Clinton Administration is concerned to allay fears at home that it is conceding too much to a former enemy.

In committing America to Nato expansion, the Administration will face tough battles in the Republican-controlled Congress. American participation in an enlarged North Atlantic alliance would need approval by two thirds of the Senate.

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Disgraced skater 'chased through wood by knifeman'

TONYA HARDING, the tarnished tigress of the figure skating rink, claims that she has pulled off a dramatic escape from a knife-wielding abductor who commandeered her pick-up truck and ordered her to take him "where I need

to go".

Ms Harding's account of a terrifying half-hour chase through woods near her Oregon home comes three years after she admitted covering up an attack on her arch-rival, Nancy Kerrigan, and ten days before her long-awaited comeback.

Shaken but uninjured, the 26-year-old told Portland sheriff's deputies that a bushyhaired man had ambushed her within yards of her front door and forced her at knifepoint to drive for half an hour to a rural area beyond the city

The man slapped her when she offered to stop and let him out, the skater claimed, with a



bruise on her face to back up

the story. When he ordered her to drive down a dirt road she deliberately rammed a tree, grabbed her car keys and ran off into some woods, she said. The chase ended with Ms

Harding dodging through trees to shake off her pursuer, returning to the pick-up and driving to safety, she told The officer's responded: "We'll treat this at face value and investigate it just as we

would investigate anybody. Retracing her steps, detectives confirmed that there was a fresh dent in a tree where Ms Harding said she had hit it with her vehicle, though they found no trace of the suspect she described.

Oregon's most famous redhead was banned from skating in amateur competition, fined \$110,000 (£67,500) and told to perform 500 hours of community service after a crowbar attack on Ms Kerrigan that failed either to break her leg. as planned, or to prevent her winning a silver medal at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics in Norway. Ms Harding finished eighth.

Since then, she has turned down offers of television sauerkraut wrestling con-tracts in Japan and been booed when attempting to launch a second career as the lead singer for a now-defunct pop group called the Golden Blades.

She is scheduled to perform a three-minute ice skating exhibition routine in the Nevada gambling town of Reno

OJ rules out offer over confession

BY GILES WHITTELL

O.J. SIMPSON has declined an offer by Fred Goldman to drop a claim to \$21 million (£12.8 million) in damages in return for a confession by Mr Simpson to the killings of Ronald Goldman and Nicole Brown. "No matter how much money I am offered I would never confess to a crime which I did not commit," the former football star said through his

Mr Goldman had said he would forget his share of the \$33.5 million in damages awarded against Mr Simpson if he wanted to sign a confession with all the details of his crime, and broadcast it all over the country". The Goldman family lawyer. Daniel Petrocelli, backed the offer despite having taken the case

on a contingency basis. The rejection of a cash-forconfession deal was widely anticipated since it would have left Mr Simpson, who has always denied carrying out the murders, vulnerable to perjury charges. It sets the stage for a protracted court battle by the victims' families to seize Mr Simpson's assets.

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The declining state of the Union



Once a forum for serious debate, the Oxford Union now displays a growing taste for cheap publicity stunts, says former president Michael Gove

spared from its latest occasion of shame when Mandy Allwood withdrew from a debate on abortion. Speakers including Ann Clwyd, MP, and the columnist Mary Kenny were apparently reluctant to share a platform with the woman who had turned the miracle of life into a media franchise.

It is no longer a surprise to see the Oxford Union invite individuals to speak who are famous only for being infamous. The chair, once graced by Asquith, has now been occupied by a succession of students who have mortgaged the society's reputation by receiving a sex therapist, a wife-beater and killer.

Jane Collins's talk on "Stimulating women: What exactly do women want from sex?" might be appropriate on a Marie-Claire cover but should it have been delivered in the William Morris splendour of the Union's Old Library? The Union has played host to courtroom performers, but should the place at the dispatch box once taken by F.E. Smith be accupied by O.J. Simpson? Even the "interrogation" of Kermit the Frog would have been a weak loke in a kindergarten. It was a blot on the term of an otherwise

outstanding president. Presidents increasingly invite guests to hawk their wares in a format that owes more to the traditions of television light entertainment than an ancient university. When Simpson

exercise in rehabilitation, not results of debates which they cross-examination. He presidbelieved to be barometers of ed over a glorified press con-Young England's mood. The ference instead of being tested most notorious raament in the in debate. His itinerary bore Max Clifford's sticky finger-"King and Country" debate prints. The press agent is not quite the Mephistopheles he is when a majority of members voted against fighting for the monarch and his realm. The painted. His trade has its place - in the twilit alleys off Fleet expression of undergraduate Street. But he should not be pacifism is supposed to have emboldened Hitler to go to the puppet-master of Oxford war, confident that effete Brit-

ish youth would not resist him. In the Sixties the society once again found the radicalism of its members, who opposed the Vietnam War, attracting notice. Harold Wilson sent the Foreign Secretary. Michael Stewart, to the Union to defend American actions. His hostile reception underlined the opposition to the war of intelligent youth. Even in the Eighties, the birth of the SDP was only pronounced a success after the Union had given its blessing, even though William Hague, the then rising star, accurately predicted that the party would become Simpson: rehabilitation "the heterosexual wing of the

Liberal Party". The Union's influence on office in the Oxford Union are politics has been built on a only students. They can be forgiven if their view of wise conduct is occasionally eclipsolid tradition of taking debate seriously. The society was founded in 1823 and attracted sed by Hollywood glamour. But, judged against their prethe young Gladstone to its first decessors, even the most indulmeetings. It witnessed the first gent must acknowledge recent Curzon and Birkenhead, Roy officers are satyrs next to Jenkins, Edward Heath, Wil-Hyperions. The Union has earned itself poor notices in liam Rees Mogg. Anthony Howard, Jeremy Isaacs, Tariq Ali, Benazir Bhutto and Wilthe past, but criticism has come from sources who recog-nised the importance of the liam Hague. From the claret-



The appearance of Kermit the Frog would have been "a weak joke in a kindergarten. It was a blot on the term of an otherwise outstanding president"

fuelled fluency of Asquith in the 1870s to Hague's Tetleydriven tirades in the Eightie certain traditions survived. Debates at the Union were not student shouting-matches but dignified jousts conducted in accordance with practices which encouraged undergraduates to raise their game to the level of past masters.

The Union's pre-eminence over its older sister in Cambridge was in part due to the less formal and serious nature of the Cambridge Union. For most of its history it has been overshadowed by Oxford, a provincial council chamber next to a surrogate Westmin-

The Union, however, did have a place for levity. The final debates of most terms and the fifth week of the summer term were given over to frivolous motions, some genuinely funny. And the cel-iars, once transformed into a nightclub by the then president, Michael Heseltine, provided a stage where comedians such as Armando lannucci, Stewart Lee and Richard Herring were first dazzled by the lootlights. But our main intent then was serious. We believed in the importance of being earnest,

even if the results were some-My own record as president hardly stands comparison with my distinguished predecessors. I presided over more than my fair share of catastro-. phes but at least we tried to make debating the society's heart and soul. An audience of over a thousand came to hear Matthew Parris and Duncan Campbell debate homosexual law reform with Tory backbenchers, and hundreds came to see Malcolm Rifkind take on Donald Dewar on the

future of the United Kingdom. Of course some of my actions were actuated by ambition. As an aspirant hack, I chose to speak in debates with broadcasters and backbenchers, indeed organised one on

the future of the media with Alan Yentob and Peter Jay, but in the Eighties, ambition was channelled into debating with heavyweights in the chamber. not schmoozing with Mr Clifford at the bar.

Presidents may believe celebrities attract members but in 1987 undergraduates joined in their hundreds to hear Laurent Fabius and Michael Heseltine discuss the future of the West. Now the Union has Boycott to discuss defensive strategy. The commercial course does not even seem to be a success in its own Maradona and Simpson saw

the society lurch into deficit. Whatever new subscriptions were secured by the C-list celebs seem to have been outweighed by the associated costs. The Cambridge Union, which is financially flush, has seen no need to take the low road and flourishes with a programme of serious debate of the sort Oxford used to

concentrate on: Of course, the Oxford Union still attracts serious speakers but it has been living dwindling inheritance. The intellectual capital built up over generations has been squamered for these publicity. This House should put

cropping up. The letter raised a smile because I had read

about the episode in my younger days. I noted his com-

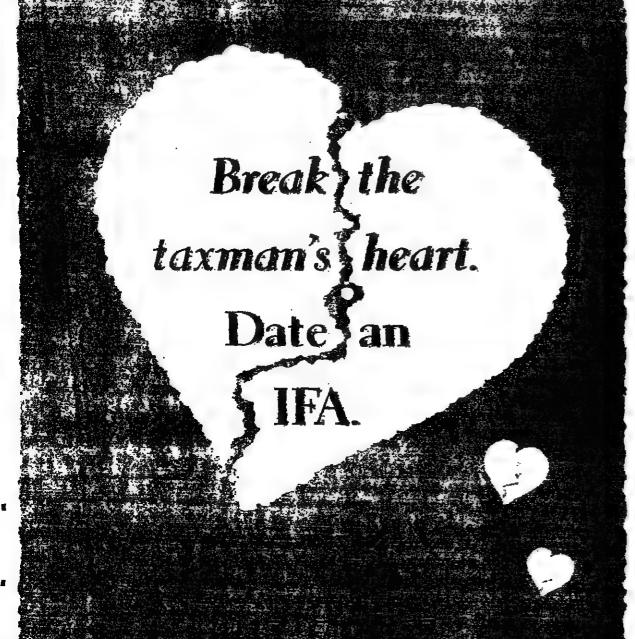
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Tall tales aren't just for small minds but the seamen went mad and apparitions of the ship kept

CAPRICORN ONE is one of those grainy American films that makes ideal viewing during the early, and often hazy hours of Saturday morning. Part sci-fi. part thriller, part adventure movie, the 1978 film centres on how the first manned flight to Mars is a povernment hoax to impress the American public. And the 1970s hairstyles, fashions and dialogue heap hilarity on an

already ridiculous plot.

Startlingly, there are some people who believe that man never set foot on the Moon. But far from being dribbling fools, these unbelievers are young professionals and they are featured in a documentary to be shown on Channel 4 (For The Love Of ..., midnight,

February 24). The cult of believing in daft things seems to be experienc-ing a dramatic revival. The resurgence started with the X-Files, which tapped deep into the human psyche. It spawned many imitations, including the dreadful Out Of This World, which claimed to investigate paranormal phenomena through scientific means. It may have been laughable, but the series simply served to expose the num-ber of people who believe inthe most irrational things. Haunted houses, coinciThe belief in daft things is undergoing a revival, reports Anjana Ahuja

dences, telepathic pets, sponta-neous human combustion -ship vanish, but something had gone wrong when they tried to make the ship reappear. It eventually came back, no subject was too dodgy. Now we have Fortean TV and Rimme, a new men's mapazine incorporating a world map of UPO sightings.

it was, and is, all old hat. in the early 1980s I subscribed to The Unexplained, a weekly magazine about strange phenomena. Its contents were a crank's delight - fairies, poltergeists, vampires, water that flowed uphill, alien abduction, clouds that resemble Jesus, and, again, spontaneous hu-man combustion. Now a similar magazine series is being advertised. It is going to sell because there are more people than ever who are convinced

that The Truth is Out There. I HAVE also measured the rise in inverest in inexplicable phenomena by the mailbag for The Timer's science page. me about the Philadelphia Experiment, which was also the subject of a film. The Americans, it was said, had been experimenting with elec-tromagnetic fields to make things disappear. They had,

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FROM

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How to have a perfect marriage t is St Valentine's Day, when the papers are full Penny

of soppy Bunnikins stuff. It is also National Marriage Week Liam and Patsy dithered in St John's Wood, while the Bishop of Hull sensibly suggested tax incentives to marry. The thinktank Demos proposed that people write their own shortterm marriage contracts. At last our obsession with divorce - there is, as yet, no National Divorce Week - is switching to marriage. "Marriage prepa ration," Lord Mackey of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said on Tuesday, "could be the most effective means of preventing problems."

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This is music to the ears of Penny Mansfield, director of One Plus One, founded in 1971 as the Marriage Research Centre, brainchild of the visionary Dr Jack Dominian. One Plus One believes that instead of ineffectual marriage counselling — when people are banging on the door to get out - we should support marriage before it starts to go wrong. But how? The idea at first seemed mad, but the wisdom of it is now dawning. Marriage breakdown is expensive, socially disruptive: emotionally damaging. And One Plus One is launching its programme of American-style training for marriage this

Ms Mansfield is 45, convent-educated, married for 20 ears to Richard Dowden (a former Editor of The Catholic Herald, now writing for The Economist about Africa), whom she met when she interviewed him about the embourgeoisement of Irish Catholic immigrants. They live in an enormous house in Highbury with two teenage daughters. It all looks wonderfully blessed. But she at once says that marriage is not easy.

Mr Dowden is often away. "And places like Rwanda and Zaire take a lot of coming back from." It brings all sorts of strains. How to maintain his involvement with the trivia of the children's lives? Apparently the fax machine is their salvation. "Modern technology can support the fabric of

We sat and talked of marriage while Mr Dowden supervised mock GCSE revision upstairs. Ms Mansfield, a graduate in human sciences, finds her work perennially



training

Ten years ago sine inter-viewed 75 newlywed couples. Now she has followed them up. A few have split up; but she says it is far more revealing to study those who stay

together and how.

You might think the intact marriage is the one where nothing happens. On the contrary - in an intact marriage, lots of things are going on. Remember in Lampedusa's The Leopard: Things have got to change to stay the same." That's what happens in a marriage that works."

As Enid Bagnold once wrote, anyone can part; lasting is the difficulty, and the beauty, of marriage "the candlelit battleground, the truces, the fun, the love, the rage."

"It's not about who does the washing up," Ms Mansfield says. "It's much deeper than that. Things change over the years. Having dif-

ferent circles of friends. Having children, which brings enormous changes. Who has more freedom, who's left in the house? Then children grow up, and divide and rule their parents." Tolstoy got it wrong, when he said "All happy families resemble one another", Ms Mansfield says. "It is happy couples who are as different as could be. No two are the same.

"But what distinguishes marriage is the expectation of permanence - and you can't expect something permanent to stay the same, on a plateau of perfection. The marriages that survive find a way of making sense of the less than perfect periods. The anchor is the partnership."

Mansfield, the director of One Plus One, believes the antidote to a rising divorce rate could be pre-marriage

Many women, she says, cite overcoming an adversity as a proof of their commitment. They say: "We went through all that and we're still here, so we must be all right." They could have walked out, but did not. "Better the devil you know," they shrug. "We have things in common. And child-

We think of the perfect marriage as a caring, sharing, all-revealing relationship. But women often settle for less. They say: 'I know he'll never

understand me really. But he's a nice bloke And he wouldn't be able to cope without me." And that seems to be down is enough." She approves of expensive,

Demos's proposals for flexible consocially tracts for childless disruptive, underlines the sodamaging ship a public contract. "To people who say,

what's the point, why does it matter?, the answer is, it matters because rituals help people to express things important to them. Most of us need some way of marking boundaries, of saying 'I am throwing in my lot with this person, and I want to make it work'. And when it works, it works because you can trust the other person, and rely on them. You think: we're on the same side.

"Marriage is important to the health of society. People look after each other, which saves society an awful lot of money. It's one reason why the Government now realises that supporting marriage is in everybody's interest."

it is called PREP and comes from the University of Denver, where research already shows that prepped couples are less likely to part — teaches people to argue, negotiate and listen. How not to walk out of a room, or hurl painful putdowns, or let rows escalate into fights:

"We have a video showing a wife talking at her husband, while he withdraws further away, feeling engulfed by this woman. The essential thing is not to end by hitting each other. Domestic violence happens because women are extremely verbal, and men lash out because they can't get their point across in any other way.

The modern predicament," she says, "is that people can't fall back on those old roles of mother and father, husband and wife, because they are both involved in ren. We've built a life. everything; there are so many demands on them, and so little time, and never enough money; they are bound to argue more, and the couples who do best are those who can argue without ending up saying 'I don't know why I ever

married you"."

Ms Mansfield often visits schools: last week she addressed the sixth-form at Harrow and told them every marriage is a mixed marriage because "it's a man and a woman - two foreign cultures which have to be resolved".

"They asked me, can you fall out of love? And I explained the difference between falling in love and loving. Falling in love is wonderful, but bound to result in change - which may be just moving into this loving state, when the loved one comes off the pedestal." Marriages in this loving

state are like friendship: they hardly need "skills". They flourish as effortlessly as breathing, there is no "making it work". This week, an NO survey found that what people want most from marriage is "friendship or companion-ship". Which shows how far marriage has changed since 1955, when a survey found the most important thing in marriage was "fulfilling the roles of breadwinner and homemaker. Perhaps the most timeless guideline is the Victorian manual, Happy Homes and How to Make Them. The first of its 15 rules was: "Do not expect too much."



Penny Mansfield says: "Marriage is important to the health of society. People look after each other

Pulling a new trick out of the hat

ohn Lenahan has a little rule: he never lets anyone take his photograph holding a deck of cards. It may be superstition, it may be a fear of coming across like a pick-a-card-any-card fairound card sharp with no urther strings to his bow. But he breaks it occasionally. Because that is what people

do with rules. The Magic Circle has a little rule, too, about members not divulging the secrets of their their savings. A beautiful al-

John Lenahan may have played his cards right after all. His expulsion from the Magic Circle has ensured maximum publicity for his TV show, says Giles Coren

trade. But John Lenahan broke that, too. It was on an edition of How Do They Do That? in 1994 that he revealed the mysteries of the three-card monte, a trick used by commen to separate gullible fools from

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truistic gesture, you might think, but the revered Circle did not see it that way. Lengthan was booted out, the first magician to be expelled since 1909 (when the Circle's founder and first president was evicted for a similar

"They got me on a bum rap," Lenahan seethes. "I argued that I was just showing people how not to get conned, that it wasn't a bonz fide magic trick. But they weren't interested in debate."

Lenahan, an American, learnt magic as an adult and only took a crack at it professionally because his juggling wasn't up to scratch. He settled in London in the 1980s. He has a well developed sense of the absurd, which makes it hard to tell whether he takes the Magic Circle seriously. He

had not been a member long when they ejected him. "I had refused to join for years because they didn't allow women in, and when they changed that rule, I was one of the first to join. But I was pretty outspoken about their sexist policies, so I guess they were looking for a good reason to chuck me out."

nd is it likely to be a A permanent exclusion?
"Oh yes, I'm outta there for ever, or at least until Berglass [the president] dies." But the effects of Lenahan's ejection have not been entirely negative. He got a better share of the headlines than he might have, say, extracting a rabbit from a hat on prime-time television, and now he has his own comedy magic series, Stuff The White Rabbit.

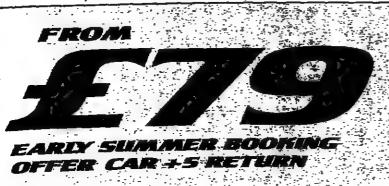
back page of The Stage," he chuckles. "It was a big picture of me and it said: 'A message to the council of the Magic Circle from John Lenahan, bost of the BBC's new magic show: Nyahh, Nyahh, Nyahh. Nyahh, Nyhaah'."

A cynic might suggest that he knew what would happen when he revealed his secret, that it was a highly cunning PR stunt. "Not at all," he says. "I'm not saying that being thrown out of the Magic Circle wasn't professionally one of the best things that has ever happened to me. But it wasn't planned.

"The Magic Circle is a big group of amateurs — it's a bunch of guys who just sit around and do card tricks. Being thrown out of the AA is worse — at least it helps you out once in a while." Does he want to be invited

back? "I want them to state that what they did was wrong. And that won't happen." Stuff The White Rabbit is BBC2 tonight at midnight

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📕 Journalists like a good howler to get their teeth into

y extension. Dracula might be consid-Bered Draconian. For Dracula lived on after his death by sucking the blood of virgins. He preferred his virgins to be living ones. Whereas Draco made almost every violation of his laws a capital offence. Contemporaries in 7th-century Athens complained that his penal code was "written in blood". So Draco set a precedent for modern Home Secretaries and their Shadows sucking up to the Daily Mail law-and-order vote. Under his system, being tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime sent offenders for the high jump — literally. Those banged up in British jails might consider Draco's death penalty without the option a less cruel and unnatural punishment than continual visits from Ann Widdecombe, the Minister

for Prisons, on her vampirish hobby.

However, not even the lowest-life Athenian accused Draco of literally sucking up blood, without some risk of metaphorical inexactitude. So when Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary of the most truculent teachers; union, said that to call the Government's latest education fiddles Draconian was an insult to Dracula, there were hoots and shrieks. Sub-editors showed their usually hidden hands on the front pages for once by the sharp insertion of "[sic]" after Dracula. This was a classic example of the Schadenfreude we take from other men's gaffes, or what the Americans call flubs. Teachers collect such classroom howlers. Even in 1840, Macaulay may have been showing off his capacious memory when he wrote: "Every schoolboy knows who impris-oned Montezuma and who strangled Ata-hualpa." Today not many pupils or their teachers or teachers' representatives are up to speed on Draco.

But Dracula has become a legend in his after-lifetime. The vampire has become a necessary myth, and bloodsucker is a contemporary metaphor. Dracula is almost as popular a subject for films as Robin Hood. And the cinema has created a vast subcul-ture, and shifted the Dracula mythology a long way from its origin. The films work by sensational and shocking images: thunder and lightning shake the cardboard Carpathi-ans, sinister shadows descend the staircase, moonlight glitters on the curiously elongated cuspids of Peter Cushing or Bela Lugosi. But Bram Stoker's original Dracula worked by slowly building suspense.

Wilkie Collins created the sensation nove with The Woman in White and The Moonstone. By attributing various strands of the narrative to various narrators, he created a psychological mystery. Stoker used the same trick to heighten a fearful ignorance. Dracula incorporates telegrams, extracts from letters and diaries, the use of broken English and transliterated shorthand to build a crumbling Gothic tower of terror. And it leads up to the chilling climax: "Take the papers that are with this, the diaries of Harker and the rest, and read them, and then find the great Un-Dead, and cut off his head and burn his heart or drive a stake through it, so that the world may rest from him."

The world will never rest from Dracula, though most of us would be pushed to name more than a handful of virgins who have recently been troubled with nocturnal visits by the thirsty dead. But Dracula combines the irresistible themes of violent eroticism, vicarious terror and blood. The blood-red tears on those demon-eyes election advertisements drip directly down from Vlad the impaler and his haunts deep in the

Carpathian Mountains of the mind. And Nigel de Gruchy's schoolboy howler adds to the stock of what the current film Ridicule calls English "hioumah". The film explores the malicious oneupmanship of aristo wits at the court of Louis XVI, as it gavotted towards the precipice. A fall at that dance of wits was a mortal loss of face. Banana-skin tripping up the pompous in silk hats is an old English joke. So it is sport to see the grouchy teachers' rep hoist in his own backyard. And those of us who scribble in the public arena of wit and humiliation thank our lucky stars that it was not us. And hope for mercy next time we commit Dead Sea Squirrels or write a headline such as: Scotland Yard squad helps dog bite victim." As the old Greek legislator might have put it, Errare est humanum.



"YOU'RE DEAD MEAT, HOGG"

A long shot at gunmen

The future, as someone once said, arrives on little cats' feet. Scrutinising each paw mark, we seldom ask where the cat is going. Eleven months after the Dunblane massacre, the Firearms Bill returns to the Commons next week. The reforms took a battering in the Lords. The Commons will consider their fordships' amendments; they will consider afresh the Government's case for extending prohibitions on gun-ownership; they will reconsider an opportunistic Opposi-tion case for pushing them a little

They should raise their eyes from the paw marks. The case MPs should consider is not the Tories' proposals, the Opposition's objections, or the Lords' amendments, it is the case for a complete ban on the home ownership of all guns, including shotguns — and even rifles. That is the only destination of the reformers' argument, the only ground on which its logic finds any final rest.

This is no place to scrutinise the present state of play, which can be summarised in five short sentences. The Government proposed to outlaw the private ownership of all large calibre handguns, and require owners of small calibre weapons to store them securely in gun clubs. The Opposition would outlaw the private ownership of the latter, too. The Lords want to permit the home ownership of certain specially disabled handguns, and more compensation for those to whom the changes bring financial loss.

A handgun is a gun which can be fired with one hand. But why only guns that can be fired with one hand?

That is the unarticulated question, the "hush, Matilda," question, the "ask that again and you'll get a clip round the ear" question, the "sorry, I didn't hear that one; next question please . . . " question: the question too far.

But there is an answer to it. No rational grounds exist for stopping at handguns, but unless you draw the line there, you meet shotguns. More than half the guns legally owned in Britain are shotguns. Shotguns are the weapons which kill most of those who die by gurs. More than a million shotgurs are licensed, to some 650,000 people. And those are just the legal ones. Stolen shotguns are the sub-post mistress's nightmare. If you want a shotgun, rob a farmer; they keep them behind the door.

By contrast, the Government's pro-posals involve less than a fifth of all

I have no view on shotguns and rifles, but I have no doubt a ban will come

guns, and to these the Opposition would add only the 20 per cent of handguns which escape the Bill's prohibition. Nine-tenths of Britain's gun-owners can live with current Tory or Labour

The electoral calculation is simple: "taking action" against gun-ownership is vaguely popular among those without guns, but intensely unpopular with gunowners. You imperil their support, but will win only limited new support from the rest of us. So if your proposed measure is to bring net electoral gain, it is vital that those who lose from the measure are vastly outnumbered by every god that I recognised that that those who have no

direct interest. Add shotgun-owners to the losers and, close to an election, you may alienate more votes than you gain. Home possession of shotzums is fiercely defended by the National Farmers

Union and the Country Landowners' Association; half a million votes could be lost from barming shotguns. And a general election is imminent. This is the reason, and the only reason, why, for the time being, politicians are not talking about shotpuns. Observe their embarrassment when

they have to. In reserving any proposition for our special contempt, it is always encouraging to find Mr Jack Straw supporting it, and to discover what, with Mr Straw, passes for an argument in its favour. Here he is, explaining why shotguns should not be banned: "I do not believe that shotguns are in the same category as handguns. Shotguns are not manufactured to kill human beings, although I know that they can do so. Shotguns are used for what I regard as

legitimate sports ..." Shotguns, Mr Straw, are the chosen weapon for about half the gun-killings in Britain. "The majority of unlawful killings are domestic and involve the use of shotguns," said the Association of Chief Police Officers in December last year. In Scotland in 1993, of the offences in which the use of a firearm was alleged, 268 involved shorguns or rifles; 49 involved handguns. Further, most of those who shoot themselves choose a

shotgun.
Here (and arguing — note this — for gun-ownership) is Sir David Steel:
"What would have happened if, instead of using a handgun. Thomas Hamilton had sawn off both barrels of a shotgun, out down the butt, concealed it about his person and then fired it on the children? He could have caused just about the same damage. Would the House now sion of shotguns?"

Here is David Mellor. "If I were a licensed shotgun holder. I would pray to would never happen, because if it did the

spodight might shift." Here is Earl Attlee, no prohibitionist himself: "... But if Dunblane had been perpetrated with a shotgun I am sure that the minister would now be ex-

plaining how dangerous a shotgun was: that it was used to kill living things while a handgun was only used for target practice . . . She might also describe the power and the size of a shotgun cartridge compared with that of a handgun. Shotguns are extremely dangerous weapons and it is pointless to have draconian rules for firearms while treating shotguns as toys."

ast week in New Zealand a man went berserk with a shotgun. attemped to kill 14 people, shot dead six people and wounded the rest. Sooner or later New Zealand

There exist, of course, organisations to fight the shotgun and rifle owners' corner when the parliamentary battle commences. How ready are these with battery of fact and argument they need? Hopelessly unprepared. My responses from the British Field Sports Society, the Country Landowners' Association and the farmers' union this week suggest an army that will be routed wthin days.

They offer two arguments: recreation and hunting; and culling and pest control. It takes the brains of a gnat to see that in the wake of some ghastly massacre, the arguments for recreation will be worse than useless. To start wittering about the joys of the pheasant-shoot will sound like an insult to the dead. As for deer-culling or veterinary use, neither necessitates home-owner-

ship of guns.
The farmers' union will rely on the argument for pest control. This is weaker than is often assumed. The union claims that about 95 per centof farmers own shotguns. It is true that many do, but my own straw poll in Derbyshire suggests that the figure may be half that, and that even those farmers who do own shotguns - though they would be furious to have them. confiscated — own them by pro and habit rather than necessity. Most farmers in most of the world throughout most of history have managed without guns. Farmer Giles may blast off at rabbits, crows and wood pigeons from time to time, but the shotgun is not and could not be the rural mainstay for controlling these.

The Snowdrop Campaign is boxing clever on shotgums. The last thing i wants is the countryside lobby ranged against the limited reform that it, for the moment, is seeking. Its representatives insist that the thought of banning anything more than handguns has never entered their heads. It will,

And when it does, count me out of the controversy, because the battle will be lost almost before it starts. Within four years, for-hunting will be banned. The home-ownership of shotguns will come next. Restricting rifles will come after that. Please do not write to me with arguments for or against any of these. I have no views on gun-ownership, be-youd the suspicion that the only people who should not be entrusted with a gun are those who really want one. The purpose of this article has not been to advance or resist change, but simply to

tell you where the paw marks lead.

Here, finally, is Tony Blair, on the Firearms Bill: "Let the 80 per cent solution become the 100 per cent solution, and this Parliament will have done the will of the people." But this Bill is not the 80 per cent solution. It is the 9 per cent solution. Mr Blair's amendment is not the 100 per cent solution. It is the 11 per cent solution. Shotgun and rifle owners had better start praying to every god they and David Mellor recognise. The will of the people is a capricious thing, and arrives on little

Why was Heseltine so cross?

Deregulation is irrelevant, says

Tessa Blackstone

hen he finally leaves the political stage. Michael Heseltine may be missed rather more by the business community than by his Tory colleagues. This is what made last month's outburst at the launch of a report by some distinguished members of the community so surprising. He loudly condemned *Promoting Prosperity* and its authors, the Commission on Public Policy and British Business, based at the Institute for Public Policy Research. In doing so, he missed a golden opportunity to claim credit for some of the improvements in the economy which the report documents. In his attack, he was a lone voice. The report's analysis and recommendations have been widely acknowledged in the press as significant contributions to a reassessment of

business policy.
This episode has taught me a lot about modern pre-election politics and the difficulties of having a genuine debate about policy in this country. Heseltine's scornful speech and furious comments to the press afterwards went beyond the bounds of rational, perhaps even sane, political behaviour. He clearly believed that his friends and contacts at the higher levels of industry should not even be seen talking to Tony Blair, let alone sharing a platform with him or producing a report endorsing some of Labour's commitments. And yet Mr Heseltine's greatest legacy will be one word that explains why so many business people admire him: competitiveness.

Having been at the launch and talked to the authors, I know that they were particularly galled by Mr Heseltine's accusation that the report simply endorses Labour's programme. They argue that the report's recommendations provide a challenge from the business community to both main political parties. It does recommend the introduction of a minimum wage and argues that Britain should accept the EU's social chapter, but the reasoning is measured, and the report also criticises a number of

other Labour policies. For example, aithough the report calls for reform of competition policy, it rejects two planned Labour changes: reversing the burden of proof in merger and Mergers Commission with the Office of Fair Trading, Responding to the report's criticisms, Tony Blair has announced the setting up of a panel to review Labour competition policy. Moreover the report's recommendations in areas such as corporate governance, education and training, and transport are farther-reaching than the Labour Party's current commitments. However, unlike Mr Heseltine, Mr Blair is prepared to discuss its analysis.

fier the political doglight over the A report, it was clear that neither of the main parties has a monopoly over policies to boost competi-tiveness. The business community now clearly believes that the Labour Party's ideas for a competitive Britain deserve to be heard. Not long ago, they would hardly have been given the time of day, Labour is concerned with prosperity for all of Britain's citizens prepared to take the opportunities offered to them, whereas, whatever their intentions, the Tories policies promise ever greater prosperity for the few at the

expense of the many.

Mr Heseltine and his colleagues seem to think that further deregulation, particularly of the labour market, is the key to higher productivity and competitive ness. They may be right in believing that fear, whether of unemployment or wage cuts, effectively motivates people work-ing in a sweatshop. But a commitment in improved education and training, decent minimum standards, a living wage and a voice for employees in the workplace are more effective in the long term for companies in a developed country. We will never be able to compete with developing countries on labour costs alone, especially as globalisation gathers pace. Our sights need to be set on the firmer ground of high value-added

goods and high-wage services. In a recent report, Peter Robinson is of the London School of Economics conclusively demonstrates that while extensive deregulation of the labour market is not responsible for the decline in British employment since 1993, it does explain much of the unwelcome increase in inequality since 1979. Inequality and prosperity are like oil and water; they do not mix. Further deregulation is not

the answer. The themes for future government policy suggested in Promoting Prosper ity are more uplifting as well as correct. The report argues that the government should aim to promote competition between British companies and cooperation within them; foster far-sighted management by improving relations between investors and management: improve skills; support small businesses and make policies more consistent. Government must provide a stable macroeconomic environment to enable British businesses to invest with

Although most of the report's authors would say that such a programme could be embraced by either of the main political parties, at the moment only the Labour Party is really on the right wavelength. Labour's practical proposals for small business, unveiled this week, are a further demonstration of this. There is a dialogue between politicians and business, but at present only one side of the political divide is

Just murmur

FURY is turning to contempt among members of the Tory backbenchers' 1922 Committee who have been told they will not be permitted to ask questions of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he comes to address them next week. It is the first time anyone can remember such drastic measures being taken to protect a minister from his

own side. The guilty party is the committee's chairman, Sir Marcus Fox. who is widely felt to represent the Government to the backbenchers rather than vice versa.

For the backbenchers, most of them Eurosceptics who would love to sink their gnashers into Clarke, it is deeply frustrating. When Margaret Thatcher addressed the committee, no one dared ask questions. John Major answered, in his fashion, and it has always been possible for MPs at least to

"make points" in the past. With an election due, and the Chancellor being such a livewire. Clarke will speak for half an hour and then leave. This is doubtless on the advice of Mawhinney," says one MP of the party chairman who addressed the 1992 the

other night. "He got a terrible

mauling and probably passed the word on to Clarke."

Sir Marcus Fox, however, says: The purpose of the meeting is to hear from the minister, not to question him." Party democracy at

• Less than 24 hours after I reported the resignation of John Dux, managing director of Mohamed Al Fayed's publishing outfit, Andrew Neil had his feet under the desk. I am assured, however, that Neil has no designs



on Al Fayed's struggling magazine, Punch: "He's doing a day a week for the People's Trust, the charity Mohamed is involved in."

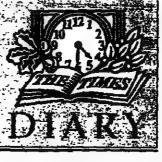
Island canary

A WARNING for those taking tea with the veteran Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas: take your earplugs. Denktas's pet canary. the world's noisiest, sits in on all

The voluble bird makes for difficulties with tape-recorded interviews, but is at least an improvement on its predecessor, a parakeet, which Denktas gave the run of his spacious office. It would crawl up your legs and chew your notes," says one Western envoy. Most disconcerting. The cheekier it got, the broader the smile on Denktas's face."

Sports desk

COULD THE heady working atmosphere at The Spectator have given rise to a declaration of love? This week, the magazine carries a St Valentine's Day message which reads: "Bruce, There's more to stalling than deer. An admirer." Bruce Anderson, the magazine's



was out to lunch yesterday when I called. But he will be delighted to learn that the whispers about the message centre on Kimberley Fortier. The Speciator's head-turning publisher, who has just taken up country sports.

Unhitched

DISHARMONY has hit a conference on marriage this weekend after one guest speaker flounced off because he cannot tolerate another. Richard Kirker of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement refuses to appear on the same platform as Anne Atkins, agony aunt at The Daily Telegraph, who criticised gay sex on Radio 4's

Thought for the Day.

Demos, the think-tank organisadmirably heavyweight political ing the conference, is appalled: "I feel that we are being censored, self about Scotland's deer forests.

They are being ourrageously un-

tack, defamed our organisation and was personally vitriolic." In the tradition of agony aunts, however. Atkins is philosophical: "I'm not entirely surprised by their decision." she whinnies. Pillar & posts

professional." But Kirker is un-

moved: "She made a personal at-

TEARS fill Smith Square with news that Alistair Cooke, for 20 years the intellectual pillar of Conservative Central Office, is to leave after the election. A busy, moustachioed man mixing a parade-ground bark with a clubland languor, he leaves his various posts as director of the Conservative Political Centre, deputy director of the research department and editor of the door-stopping Campaign Guide, a full election sum-

mary of Tory policy positions. Having seen the likes of Chris Patten, Michael Portillo and Alan Howarth pass through his offices, he will now become general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council. Renowned for his spiky speeches for departing members of staff, he says: "I think I might avoid a leaving party. It might give too many people the chance for revenge."

This is proving a good year for Chelsea Clinton, First, she was the



silkily-clad toast of her fathers presidential inaugural celebra tions. Now she has been offered a place by Harvard University. Miss Clinton, however, is not committing herself just yet. Apparently she would prefer to go to Brown University, a smart establishment up in Rhode Island. This may be hecause her lather has his eye on a Harvard chair when he leaves the White House.

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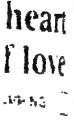
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A KOREAN GLIMPSE

One man who can unlock the window into Pyongyang

DAY OF THE COW

Labour takes another crack at Conservative morale

To China's evident embarrassment and annoyance, events have conspired to turn Hwang Jang Yop, the most senior North Korean official ever to defect, into the hero of a Cold War thriller. Mr Hwang, an intimate of the Kim dynasty and member of the central committee of North Korea's Workers' Party, slipped into the South Korean Embassy in Beijing on his way home from a seminar in Japan on juche, the ruinous Kim-Il Sung doctrine of socialist self-reliance which he helped to invent. Implausibly but unsurprisingly, North Korea insists that he was kidnapped. South Korea protests that North Korean diplomats, who are lurking in cars around the compound, have tried to

break into the compound to grab him back. As a result of all this, China has the world's spotlight on it as it decides which of the Koreas to offend, its destitute old Communist ally or the valued investor and trading partner to the south. It would be understandable if it played for time; but it should then, on geopolitical allow Mr Hwang to leave for Seoul. As a trusted insider in North Korea's tirry and intensely secretive inner circle, he has vital intelligence about one of the world's most paranoid, heavily-armed, belligerent and

unpredictable nations. Mr Hwang may or may not have fled a power struggle at the top; even if he has not, the atmosphere of suspicion his defection will engender could be enough to unleash one. Lacking firm evidence either way, Pyongyang watchers are fairly evenly divided as to whether Kim Jong II, whose waxing personality cult has yet to be matched by his official confirmation in the posts held by his father, is firmly in control. Opinion is also divided as to whether North Korea is still bent on turning South Korea, in the words of its own propaganda, into "a

Behind the catcalls in the Commons

yesterday lies a happy coincidence of

strategy and tactics for Labour. Strategically

it makes sense to attack the Government for

its clear failure in the BSE crisis. Tactically,

it happens that the Ulster Unionists, whose

votes are necessary to the Conservative

whips, represent constituencies that have

Ministers may properly describe Labour's

vote of censure on Douglas Hogg, the

Agriculture Minister, as opportunistic.

Oppositions, on the few days in the year

allocated to them for debate, are normally

supposed to seek embarrassment for the

governing party. Parliament was not in-

vented to be a prop or cheerleader to the

Government. It is meant to be a check on the

executive. And there are few sorrier tales of

executive inadequacy in this Parliament

Yesterday Tony Blair asked John Major to

confirm four questions: was it true that no

part of the beef ban had been lifted; that no

cow had yet been culled under the selective

slaughter scheme; that no proposal had even

been put to the European Commission about

exempting BSE-free herds in Scotland and

Northern Ireland from the ban; and that

BSE had so far cost the taxpayer £3.3 billion?

The Prime Minister preferred to insult Mr

Blair than to answer him. Only when

pressed again did he confirm just one of the

If Prime Minister's Questions were the

committed proceedings on BSE, they proved

that the Government had a clear case to

answer. Over the past ten years, its record

on beef has been lamentable. When the rules

designed to prevent infection of human

beings were introduced in 1986, they were

not properly enforced; thus infected meat

made its way into the food chain. When the

been badly hit by the beef ban.

than that of "mad cow" disease.

four claims: the size of the bill.

domestic reforms and a more reasonable diplomatic posture are to be taken seriously.

Is North Korea close to uncontrollable starvation, as aid agencies claim and America is inclined to believe, or are the military sitting on huge grain stockpiles? Above all, is it deceiving Washington, which has taken a calculated and expensive risk that Pyongyang can be bribed into renouncing its nuclear weapons programme? On all these questions, Mr Hwang is in a position to give the most authoritative account.

This week, the United States responded to an international appeal with the promise of more food aid to avert "instability". There is no doubt that ordinary North Koreans are desperately hungry; but stabilising the regime that has reduced them to boiling grass is not obviously a solution. Since 1994, America has poured aid into North Korea -\$27 million worth of heavy fuel oil, \$18 million to secure weapons-grade nuclear material from misuse, \$8.4 million in food aid as well as this week's pledge of as much again, and even a \$2 million bribe for cooperation in recovering the remains of America's Korean War dead.

Against this aid, set an estimated \$89 million that the regime has spent on embalming and housing the body of Kim Il Sung and the \$130 million the Dear Leader, his son, has spent on beautifying his official residence. North Korea excels in two areas only - the arts of extorting money from others, first the Soviet Union and China and now the West, and those of military and diplomatic blackmail. There has been no lasting diplomatic return for America's largesse. Before shipping another grain, the US should debrief Mr Hwang. It should then look again at its Korea policy and ask what strategic advantage resides in so seeking to keep this despotic, cruel and

possible link between BSE and Creutzfeld-

Jakob disease was confirmed last year,

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary,

insisted that British beef was perfectly safe

while his colleague, Mr Hogg, talked of

culling every British cow. Since then, we

have seen a halt to all co-operation in

Europe; this too achieved nothing. The

Prime Minister came back from Florence

last summer claiming that the ban would be

In less febrile times, this would be purely a

matter of competence in government - or in

this case, the lack of it. But these last weeks

of a parliamentary term are different.

However well or badly Mr Hogg acquits

himself on Monday, the vote will be divided

strictly down party lines. The Ulster

Unionists are unlikely to vote with the

Tories, but they may well abstain, which

would be tantamount to ensuring a govern-ment victory. If they voted with the

opposition parties, the result would depend

on the efficiency of both sides' whips.

Assuming every single MP attended, there

would be a dead heat, with the Speaker

Labour is therefore highly unlikely to

defeat the Tories on Monday. The party

would probably even prefer not to. If it won,

it would have to hold a subsequent vote of

confidence, in which the Government would

presumably gain some boost to Conser-

vative morale. But that morale is flagging

fast. With each week that passes without the

Tories recovering their popularity, the

prospects of a Labour victory look greater.

Even if the Conservatives win on Monday,

the spectacle of a close vote will add to the

impression of a Government in a shambles

and on the defensive. The party looks and

acts as if it is under siege. That is no way to

casting her vote for the Government.

lifted by November. It was not.

their heritage due to smuggling. sea of fire", or whether its spasmodic hints at irresponsible regime from its hour of truth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Unjust' restrictions on free movement of art treasures

From Mr Patrick Matthiesen

Sir, May I comment on the plans announced by Lord Renfrew of Kaims-thorn, in the wake of the Sotheby's revelations, for setting up a research centre to fight the illicit trade in antiquities (report, February 12).

Everybody must deprecate the wholesale looting of archaeological sites, whether from European "digs" or Asian temple completes. In 1990, while the Khmer Rouge was still active in the Angkor Wat area, I witnessed the wholesale depredation of several outlying monuments and was amazed to find a large stone head weighing a ton turning up on the Dutch art market only six weeks later.

Clearly this form of looting for gain, when the integrity of the site is compromised and the country of origin's heritage is prejudiced, is unaccept-able. Auction rooms should take strict steps to place a check on the recirculation of looted or stolen goods through their rooms.

However, unreasonable restrictions on the circulation of private property between member states of the EU are quite another matter. One of the objectives of the EU was the free circulation of goods. Various attempts at grasping this thorny nettle, where it relates to cultural goods, have failed conspicuously. It is this failure which

continues to lead to abuse. It is not unreasonable for a private individual to seek to realise the best possible market price for his legitimate possessions: after all, the right to hold and dispose of property is one of the basic precepts of a free country. Those countries which have realistic export licensing regulations (Britain, Germany and France amongst others) suffer few, if any, depredations to

It is those countries (Italy and Greece in particular) which persist in adopting over-restrictive bureaucratic regulations that are the worst affected. Many of these countries are already financially strained in attempting to

protect or preserve their heritage in the public domain, yet continue to in-sist on attempting to control additional works, often of marginal interest, in

the private sector. Italy, over the last decade, has imported a far greater number of Old Master paintings than has been exported (either legally or illegally). Italian clients have been amongst the most voracious art buyers in Europe. Consequently the Italian cultural patrimony has been increased (though possibly the Italian Treasury has not seen the benefit of all the VAT to which it might feel itself entitled).

It is only by adopting a more open-handed and reasonable export licensing procedure, with a formula for purchasing goods on presentation for ex-port and at their declared value, that the clandestine trade in works of art will diminish.

The present Italian system, as operated since 1974, amounts to little more than the expropriation of between 30 per cent and 60 per cent of the value of privately owned goods which have been officially submitted for export, by means of restricting them to the local market or, worse, listing them, thus subjecting them to a

whole raft of additional restrictions. Spain in particular has understood this and is now operating a far more flexible export licensing procedure.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK MATTHLESEN The Matthiesen Gallery,

7-8 Mason's Yard, Duke Street, SWI. February 12.

From Mr Stephen Rossi

Sir, The English should be reminded that Italian laws regulating the export of paintings from Italy were largely formulated in 1918 and revised by Mussolini's Fascist Government in 1939. They have not been modified

All Italian works of art more than 50 years old, regardless of aesthetic

merit or monetary value, are subject to these laws. This includes those legitimately in the hands of private individuals. Every work intended for export must be reviewed by the Ministry of Culture and granted a licence.

This applies to the removal of works to EU member nations. Works not granted export licences are listed as objects of national heritage and can be expropriated by the State at the declared export value. The effect of these laws is to impose severe restrictions on the free circulation of this particular type of private property.

Except for works of art that clearly form part of Britain's cultural identity, it is doubtful that citizens of this country would tolerate the sort of regime applied in Italy. In fact, the Italians themselves have little tolerance of their "art" laws and they express it by ignoring them.

Yours sincerely STEPHEN ROSSI. 15 Meadowbrook Road, Dorking, Surrey. February 12.

From Mr Frank Dux

Sir, On February 7 you reported that among the issues which Sir Hugh Leggatt, a former member of the Museums and Galleries Commission, wants explored is "the practice of dealers and auctioneers taking commission from both buyer and seller".

May I point out that it is only auctioneers who take double commission: one from the vendor and another from the buyer - a surcharge they call the buyer's premium.

Dealers do not surcharge their goods. Indeed, many of them consider the buyer's premium an abuse of the auctioneer's position — and that its le-gality is doubtful.

Yours sincerely, FRANK DUX, Frank Dux Antiques, 33 Belvedere, Bath, Somerset. February 10.

have always been available by ap-

pointment for examination by genu-

The British Vintage Wireless Society visited Great Baddow during an

international meeting in 1989. Members regarded it as the high spot of the

three-day event, affording significant

kudos to the Marconi Company and

indeed to the United Kingdom.

From Professor Peter Day, FRS, Director of the Royal Institution

Sir, Writing about the proposed dis-

persal of the Marconi archive by

GEC-Marconi Limited, Mr Bernard

Kaukas (letter, February 12) perpetu-

ates a most unfortunate misconcep-

tion: in fact the Royal Institution is

already privatised, as it has been since

Therefore our custodianship of Fa-

raday's coils and Dayy's miners'

lamps, to which Mr Kaukas refers

and of which we are very proud, at-

tracts no public subvention whatso-

ever. The cost of keeping a roof over

the remarkable archive and the scien-

tific memorabilia housed here falls on

the Royal Institution's own resources.

Apart from support from our mem-

bers, those resources come from spon-

sorship and the gifts of well wishers.

Still, one is left with the substance of

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK LEGGATT.

28 High Park Road,

Famham, Surrey.

of Great Britain

it was founded in 1799.

February 10.

ine students of wireless history.

Early exponents of product placement

From Mr Henry Button

Sir. A shoe firm is suing a film-maker for leaving out a scene shot at the company's expense as a thinly disguised advertisement" (report, Febnuary 10). This procedure is now known as product placement. When did it begin?

In 1763 the German dramatist, Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, introduced a scene into his play. Minna von Barnhelm, in which one of the characters, the landlord of an inn, recommends a customer to try a glass of Danzig Goldwasser liqueur. The liqueur was first made, in Danzig, in 1598 and is still made, but not in

Danzig. Did someone suggest to Miss Austen that a mention of Emma's Broadwood pianoforte might boost the sales of that instrument? In Pickwick Papers Charles Dickens pointed out that Sam Weller, when cleaning boots and shoes at the White Hart, used

Day & Martin's polish. In a different field of activity, one wonders whether Manet was properly compensated for placing two bottles of Bass, with their distinctive red triangle, in his picture of the bar at the Folies-Bergere.

Yours faithfully, HENRY BUTTON, 7 Amhurst Court, Grange Road, Cambridge. February 11.

Sathya Sai Baba

From Professor Keith B. Critchlow Sir, Many of Christopher Thomas's disparaging references to Sathya Sai Baba, the Indian spiritual leader visited recently by the Duchess of York (report, January 31), emanate from the Indian Rationalists Association - hardly an impartial body. They insult the most influential holy

man in India today. Three quarters of a million people turned up at Sathya Sai Baba's ashram to celebrate his 71st birthday last November, and there are clear, conuise and much reprinted scientific reports of the investigations that have been conducted into the authenticity

of his personal powers. There are strict rules in his worldwide organisation that ban the function of fundraising among his followers, and the finances which he has donated to build an immense speciality hospital (which I and other British architects and engineers had lege of d vising) at Puttaparthi, south of Bangalore, were direct donations specifically for the project from grateful individual donors.

The schools, colleges and university founded by Sathya Sai Baba in Andhra Pradesh, many of them where none existed before, all contradict the negative comments by the Indian Rationalists Association, Neither the students at these establishments nor the patients at Puttaparthi hospital pay any fees whatsoever.

KEITH CRITCHLOW. 2 Larkhall Lane, SW4. January 31.

Cambridge dance

Sir, Contrary to Queens' College's as-

sertion that "there is no dance in the university" of Cambridge (report, ear-ly editions, February 6), the Cam-bridge Dancers' Club is one of the

largest university societies, with an

annual membership of over 1,800. We

run over 38 hours of classes a week

teaching styles ranging, from ball-

room to rock 'n' roll, Latin American

to stage dance. The club also supports

three dance teams which compete nat-

ionally in student competitions.

From Mr Steven Wooding

Practical chances of preserving Marconi archive intact

From Mr.J. W. Sutherland

Sir, I am encouraged by the statement in Sir Geoffrey Pattie's letter (February 12) that GEC-Marconi "are in discussions with certain interested parties" on "the question of keeping the [Marconi] archive together" and that "we shall be more delighted than anybody if this can be achieved. This

There is a possible way forward through arrangements for the collection to be be acquired, housed, displayed and conserved in Chelmsford, where most of Guglielmo Marconi's pioneering work was done, under the joint auspices of Chelmsford and Essex councils. Alternatively, as Sir Geoffrey indicates, the Science Museum could retain its items on loan from the company, augmented by the items in the collection at Great Baddow. Either of these options would, as is proper, conform with the wishes of Elettra Marconi, the daughter of the founder, as expressed in her letter of Pebruary 10.

The Marconi centenary initiative of setting aside a million pounds for a special programme including "Marconi Days" for teachers, to be administered by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, should be applauded. It continues the policy of investment in education and training which has characterised Marconi for many decades, through Marconi College, and within individual parts of the com-

This is an important initiative, with long term benefits for both Marconi and the industry at large, but it should surely be funded from normal training budgets, if necessary at a higher priority than other schemes. It cannot justify the dispersal of the unique and historic Marconi archive.

Yours faithfully, JOHN SUTHERLAND, 69 Stow Road. Stow-cum-Quy, Cambridge. February 12,

Tricked on TV

From Professor P. D. A. Harvey, Chairman of the British Records Association

Sir, No one could question the good intentions of Sir Geoffrey Pattie in his plans for the early archives of the Marconi company. However, having sought expert opinion on the archives condition, it is a pity he did not seek it told him, unanimously, that at all costs the papers — and the objects too - should be kept together, and could have suggested various strategies for achieving this. As it is Christies are apparently proposing to sell them in several hundred separate lots.

To split up an integral archive in this way is like preserving a set of table silver by selling each fork and spoon separately: its function — its historical value — is all but destroyed. As Dr T. C. H. Going points out (letter, Pebruary 5) it is only two months since you allowed me to explain this in connection with the Brunel papers. It is appalling that the same fate should so soon threaten another archive of great historical and scientific importance.

Yours faithfully PAUL D. A. HARVEY, Chairman, British Records Association, Lyndhurst, Parnley Hey Road, Durham. Rebruary 12

From Mr Patrick Leggatt

Sir, We must be grateful to The Times for giving good coverage to the pro-posed sell-off of the Marconi archive

Over the past ten years the collection housed at Great Baddow near Chelmsford, has been excellently arranged and tended, first by the late archivist Betty Hance and then by Roy Rodwell, recently retired. While not open to the general public, both the equipment and the written archives

Mr Kaukas's question: if an organis-

ation such as the Royal Institution can manage to conserve its share of our scientific heritage, why should not a large company, with very much greater resources, do the same? Yours faithfully. PETER DAY, Director

The Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, WI.

ual Brazil nuts. For example, each

Brazil nut sold in Britain in the shell is

grown in the jungle area and contains

around 100 micrograms of selenium.

Shelled Brazil nuts are exported from

a different area, where the soil is poor,

and only contain 12-25 micrograms

To obtain the same amount of sele-

nium one would have to stomach up

to eight times as many shelled nuts as

per nut.

unshelled nuts.

February 8.

DANNY CONNOLLEY.

Torrington Place, WCl.

4 Woburn Mansions.

(President Cambridge Dancers' Club, 1994-95), Trinity Hall, Cambridge. February II.

Foot in mouth

Yours sincerely.

STEVEN WOODING

From Mr Chris Martin

Sir. "'You can't play Total Football," Howard Wilkinson, the new technical director of the Football Association, says, 'if you can't all handle the ball' ("The state of the game", Sport, February 4).

Are we sure we have the right technical director?

Yours faithfully, CHRIS MARTIN, 189 Landells Road, SE22

Top salaries freeze

From Mr Stanley Brodie, QC. and other QCs Sir. As three of his devoted colleagues,

we entirely agree with Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC (letter, today), that he should pay much more income tax. But he alone should pay this tax. As a consequence he will have to work harder and be left with less time to write misguided letters to The Times. Yours faithfully.

STANLEY BRODIE DAVID HUNT, JONATHAN HARVIE 2 Hare Court, Temple, EC4. February 12.

THE BROADEST CHURCH

hold on to power.

Dispute at St Paul's Cathedral reflects wider dissent

An ungodly row is raging at St Paul's Cathedral over the appointment of the Rev Lucy Winkett, its first female priest. Her conservative colleagues are on the warpath; the Rev John Halliburton, a distinctly loose canon, has declared that, while having "nothing against women", he cannot accept her authority and will not attend her services.

For all the bluster it should be relatively easy to fashion a compromise. The selection of Miss Winkett was inevitably contentious for a cathedral that has yet to introduce women choristers, never mind female clerics. There are more than enough resident male canons and visiting preachers at St Paul's for those traditionalists who feel they cannot in conscience accept Communion from Miss Winkett. To that degree the whole affair is more symbolic than substantive.

This row is, however, a reflection of the continued division that still besets the Church on the issue. Anglican authorities chose their path four years ago. St Paul's cannot exempt itself from it. On the whole the change has worked better than many then feared. Although Church attendance did show a disturbing drop in 1995, dire predictions that perhaps one third of Anglicans would flee their faith have not

been vindicated. One further encouraging sign is the muchneeded increase in the numbers, of both needed distributed the ministry since a Protestant sect. For St Paul's Cathedral, as

Winkett personifies that trend. Indeed she comes with the sort of background -Oxbridge and the Royal College of Music that was once regularly recruited into the Church but has recently been a rarity.

This degree of unity has only been secured by sensitivity towards those who could not support the ordination of women. Imaginative inventions such as the "flying bishop" have kept aboard many who might otherwise have departed. Traditionalist concerns will have been sharpened this week, however, by the publication of The Church of England Year Book 1997. In its opening pages, Dr David Edwards, Provost Emeritus of Southwark and a leading liberal, argues that there will not be a "very long future" for those opposed to women priests. Their numbers, he said, might diminish to the point where the Church should "review the arrangements" such as flying bishops designed to reconcile traditionalists.

This is not an approach that will do much for Anglicanism. The Church must continue to make means by which those like Miss Winkett can be brought in without forcing others like Canon Halliburton out. Nor should recent innovations, described by Dr Edwards as "anomalous", he seen as shortterm expedients before conservatives see the error of their ways or are shown the exit. The Church of England can be a broad church or

From the Chief Executive of Channel 4 Television

Sir, In her critique of our satire, Bross Eje ("Brassy but not bold", February
11) Libby Purves's squeamishness at the duping of some public figures and celebrities in the programmes has diverted her from the central point.

The series highlights how easily some people who command media attention can be persuaded to endorse a cause (however preposterous in this case) without even attempting to make the most rudimentary check. If, as a result of Brass Eye, such people exercise proper caution in future before allowing themselves to be used in this way, then Chris Morris, the creator of the series, has performed a public

Yours faithfully MICHAEL GRADE, Chief Executive, Channel Four Television, 124 Horseferry Road, SW1. February 12.

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Nuts from Brazil

From Mr Danny Connolley

Sir, On February 7, under the heading "Brazil nuts 'best way to protect nation's health'" you summarise a report in the British Medical Journal, including its claim that Brazil nuts are a rich natural source of selenium, a trace element which some scientists claim can bring back youthful vigour.

This is true only if the soil in which the nuts are grown is also rich in selenium. In a study published in 1989 (Journal of Food Safety, 9, 279-81) C. L. Secor described considerable variation in selenium content of individ-

Pylon plea

From Mr Jim Symington Sir, Let us hope that the National Her-

itage Secretary will take note of Robert Worcester's inspired plea (article, February 8) that the lottery fund should both mark the millennium and touch the daily lives of us all, by contributing substantially towards the costs of the removal of every pylon from our landscape.

A wholehearted response to this co-herent and timely challenge would display the capacity of the best of 20thcentury technology to the full. Fur-

ther, this proposal offers a stunning opportunity for the privatised power utilities to reverse the continual damage which has been done to our environment by their industry since the Let them join with the Millennium

Fund and demonstrate a tangible commitment to a clean Britain in the new century ahead.

Yours faithfully. JIM SYMINGTON, 11 Twin Cottages. Upper Stoneham. Uckfield Road, Lewes, Sussex. February 9.

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COURT CIRCULAR

this afternoon attended the

Presentation Ceremony at the Bar-bican Centre, London EC2.

Her Royal Highness, Chan-cellor, University of London, this evening attended a Reception for external students at the Senate

House, Malet Street, London WCL

February 13: The Duke of Kent.

Colonel, Scots Guards, this after-

noon received Lieutenant-Colonel
John Stewart on assuming command of the 1st Battalion and
Lieutenant-Colonel Archibald

Miller-Rakewell on relinguishing

His Royal Highness, as guest of honour, The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education, attended a dinner at

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

February 13: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir

Angus Ogilvy and attended by the Lady Mary Mumlard, left Heathrow Airport, London, this after-

row Airport, London, this afternoon to carry out official
engagements in Hong Kong.
On arrival at the Airport, Her
Royal Highness was received by
Sir David Ford (Flong Kong
Commissioner in London), Sir
Roger Hervey (Special Representative of the Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs), Mrs Valerie Scoular (British Airways Director of Customer

ish Airways Director of Customer

Service) and Mrs Elizabeth Lowe

(Special Facilities Officer, Heath-

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mrs Christian Adams to be a Woman of the

Bedchamber (Temporary) to Her

Memorial service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr David George Crichton, former British Consul-General at

Nice, was held yesterday at St Mary's, Battersea. The Rev Dr Timothy Gaden officiated and Mr

Charles Crichton, son, read a

Mr David George Crichton

row Airport Limited).

Guildhall, London EC2.

YORK HOUSE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Queen, accompa-nied by The Duke of Edinburgh. this morning presented The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education at Buckingham Palace and afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness gave a Reception.
The Princess Royal and The

Duke of Kent were present. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron. the Welsh Cricket Association, this the Weish Cricket Association, this evening attended a Dinner at the Marriott Hotel, Swansea, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan (Mr Robert Hastie).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Duke of York this morning visited Brades School and Shelter, Brades Estate,

dontserrat. His Royal Highness afterwards toured the Government Emer-gency Housing Scheme, Sweeney's

The Duke of York later visited Glendon Hospital, St John's.
His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Emergency Support

Unit. St John's The Duke of York today inaugurated the Cable and Wireless microwave link between Montserrat and the United Kingdom. His Royal Highness this after-noon met staff and residents at the Red Cross Shelter for the elderly.

Cavalla Hill. The Duke of York afterwards visited the Emergency Jetty Project, Little Bay.

His Royal Highness later de-parted Montserrat for Antigus. BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London,

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will

attend the general council at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire, at 10.25.

The Princess Royal, as President of

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open Manchester Carers Centre, Beswick House, Beswick Row, Manchester, at 11/40; and will visit Unipack to open the new pharmaceutical facility at Westhoughton, Bolton, at L.S.

Appointment

Independent Schools Joint Council

Dr Alistair Cooke, OBE, has been appointed General Secretary of ISJC from September I. 1997, in

succession to Dr Arthur

Hearnden, OBE, who is retiring.

Today's royal

engagements

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was the host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street for the Health Service

Receptions

Suddien Company Mr Will Price, Master of the Saddlers' Company, presented prizes to the winners in the Society of Master Saddlers' annual saddiery competition at a reception held last night at Saddlers' Hall.

The winners were:
Class I and best in corapetition. Ms
Lucy Batchelor, Class 2. Mr Michael
Pegg: Class 3. Mr Neel Gardiner.
Classes 4 and 5. Ms Frances Relly;
Class 6. Ms Kirsty Orby: Class 7. Mr
John McDonald and Class 8. Ms
Raren Schlotter.

The London Instit Mr Julian E. Markham, Chair-man of the London Institute, and Sir William Stubbs, Rector, were sir winam sauds, actus, weten the hosts at receptions held on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Institute's Gallery at 65 Davies Street, London Wi, to launch the Institute's Annual Report. The guests included: Ambassadors, Members of Parliament and lead-ing financiars the worlds of ing figures from the worlds of business, education and art and

design.

The guests also had the opportu-The guests also had the opportunity to preview Foundations For Farme — an exhibition which includes work by eight distinguished former students: Mr Stephen Farthing, Mr Dentil Forrester, Miss Nicola Hicks, Mr Zebedee Jones. Mr Mike Leigh. Mr Ray Markey, Mr Julian Opie and Mr Ben Panting.

Luncheons

American Claudes of Commerce (UK) Sir Brian Goswell, President of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK), was in the chair at a luncheon held yesterday at One Whitehall Place in honour of Lord

Saaichl Tailow Chandlers' Company Mr C.A. Holborow, Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, presented the company's awards to City and Guilds Vocational Edu-cation Students at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Miss Prue Leith also spoke.

Service dinner

RN College Greezwich Commander J.M.C. Maughan, Commander of the Royal Naval College Greenwich, presided at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at the college. Mr Andrew Sachs, accompanied by Mrs Sachs, was the principal guest.

University news

Harris Manchester College The following have been elected as Honorary Fellows:

Sir Anthony Kenny, Lord Harris of Peckham, Lady Harris, the Hon Peter Harris, the Right Hon John Patten, MP, Mr Douglas Hutchin-

Birthdays today

pribute.

The Prince of Liechtenstein celebrates his 52nd birthday today. The Right Rev Peter Bail, former Bishop of Gloucester, and his twist Ball, Bishop of Truro, 65; Mr John Butterfill, MP, Sc. Sir John Clark, former chairman, The Plessey Company, Ti; Professor Evelyn Ebsworth, Vice-Chancellor, Durham University, 64; Sir Arnold Elton, consultant surgeon, 77; Sir Jack Hibbert, former director, Central Statistical Office, 65: Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, former chairman, Allied-Lyons, 74; Miss K.M. Jenkins, former director of personnel, Royal Mail, 52; Mr Kevin Keegan, former football

manager, 46: Mr John MacGregor, MP, 60; Miss Manuela Maleeva, tennis player. 30; Countess Mountbatten Burme, 73; Mr Alam Parker, film director, 53; the Hon Hanning Philipps, former Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed, 93: Lord Rossmore, 66; director and producer, 58: Sir Albert Sloman, former Vice-Chancellor, Essex University, 70; Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman, English Heritage, 65; Mr A. W. H. Stewart-Moore, former chairman. Gallaher, 82; Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, 62: Mrs Margaret Wright, former chief commis-sioner, The Guide Association, 55.

prayer. Miss Charlotte Ernest Crichton, granddaughter, gave a reading and Mr Adrian Crichton, son, paid

Dinners Fruiterers' Company Alderman Sir Christopher Collett, Representative Lord Mayor, accompanied by Lady Collett, at-rended the annual dinner of the Fruiterers' Company held

Mr Derek Tullett, Master, pre-sided, assisted by the Wardens, and presented the Matthew Mack award for training within the fruit industry to Mr E.H. Worraker. nonorary freeman. Mr R A Arnold and Mr D Mack also spoke. Prince Khaled al-Sabah, the Ambassador of the Netherlands, the Dean of St Paul's, Mr Justice Bennett and Mr Y. Matsuo of the Embassy of Japan were among the guests. City and Guilds College

Mr Michael Jeffries was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the annual digmer of the City and Guilds College Association held fast night at Skinners' Hall. Mr Bryan Spooner presided. Lord Ironside also spoke.

Church in Wales Dionese of Lientall

The Rev Robert Emlyn Davies, Vicar of Cympure, to be Vicar of



Jennifer Hirsch, a student in the tropical section at Kew, with a cymbidium hybrid.

Kew celebrates with orchids

By ALAN TOOGOOD HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE annual Kew Orchid Pestival, which opens today, is a lavish display of more than 3,000 plants. But it also serves to highlight the orchid conservation work in various parts of the world undertaken by the Royal Botanic Gardens.

by the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Kew is currently helping to protect the unique wild occlude of Madagascar which are under threat from illegal collecting and habitat damage. The Orchid Unit is propagating plants from seed donated by Madagascar and returning seedlings to that country. They are initially being grown in the Tsinburum botanical garden. but it is hoped that flowers will be returned to the wild and also produced commercially for sale to collectors worldwide, thereby reducing collecting in the wild.

A number of Madagascan orchids will be on view during the
course of the festival, the main
displays of which are in the
Princess of Wales Conservatory.
The Madagascan Angrascum

The Rev Dr Anne Dawny, Assistant Curate, Parkstone St Peter w Branksen and St Osmund Team

Ministry: to be Chaplain to Bournemouth University and

Poole College of Art and Design

(Salisbury). The Rev Edward Dixon, Chaplain,

the Nev Edward Daton, Chaptain, HM Prison, Durham (Durham); to be Chaptain, HM Prison, Acklington (Newcastle). The Rev Robert Dixon, Priest-in-

Church news

chid with white, green-spurred flowers, can be seen in the tropical section of the conservatory.

section of the conservatory.

This section features many rare species such as the diminuitive red flowered Phragmipedium Besseae from Ecuador plus flamboyant cautleya, phalaenopsis and ancidium hybrids, and not forgetting a large rampant specimen of the varilla flavouring) which is carrying seed pods and promises to flower again during the festival.

Another display in the tropical section shows how orchids have adapted to their environment. Some epithytic orchids moduce

Some epithytic orchids produce aerial roots which absorb moisture from the atmosphere; others nurrients and water, or have reduced leaves to enable them to combat drought.

The floral display area of the conservatory communs the main selection of orchid hybrids. Here yellow and brown outditums are reating a bright splash of colour among the pastel shades of cymbidiums, phulaenopsis (moth orchids) and miltonias.

to be Rector of that benefice

The Rev Flora Eltringham, Chap

lain to HM Young Offender In-stitution. Cassington, Northum-berland (Newcastle): to be Chaplain. HM Prison, Durham (Durham).

The Rev Malcoim Fenwick, Vicar,

Riding Mill. Priest-in-charge. Whistonstall, and Rural Dean of

Corbridge (Newcastle): now also an Honorary Canon of Newcastle

The Rev William Girard, Rector,

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m Mari Desker & See Lat. Francis Descent & See Lat. Fill Lance, Dronfield, Charitield 515 Std (vel: 01246 290205).

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CAE, belowed become of June, died suddenly on 7th February. The Funeyal service is to be held at Futney Vale Communicum on Thorothy 20th February at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only places. Described, if desired, to The Artisch Heart Foundation, 14 Fithandings Sense, London, WH 4DE.

blooms can be seen in the Water Lily House from Pebruary 22 until March 16. They will be staged by the Sturry (Kent) area of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies. There is also a new exhibition of orthid art in the Kew Gardens Gallery. The festival, at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, west London, runs from today until March 3l. Entrance is free after

The cool temperate section also features fine displays of hybrid orchids plus a fascinating collection of small species housed in a display case. These include the Australian Dendrobium Speciosum with sprays of yellow flowers and Pterostylis Hildae with green and white hooded flowers which temporarily trap small insects for the purpose of pollination.

Displays of flower arrange-ments consisting mainly of orchid

admission to the gardens, which are open from 9.30 am to 5pm daily. (Glasshouses close at 4.45 pm). For information on festival courses and lectures, telephone 0181 332 5626, and for guided tours, 0181 332 5633.

Buisham, Priest-in-charge West Wickham, and Rural Dean of Linson (Ely): to be also an Honor ary Camou of Ely Cathedral. The Rev Michael Humpel, Assis tant Curate, united benefice of Whitworth w Spermymoor, to be Minor Canon, Precentor, and Sacrist at Durham Cathedral

The Rev Adrian Hughes, Vicar, St. Mary's, Belford, St. Hilda's, Lucker, and St. Maurice, Ellingham: to be also Rural Dean of Bumburgh and Glendale

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Forthcoming marriages Mr D.R. Hughes and Ms P.J. Bethell

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between Duncan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Hughes, of Petts Wood, Kent, and Peggy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Easley, of Lake Isabella,

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and

Mrs D.R. Johnson, of North Weald, Essex, and Louise, only daughter of Mr G. Hill, of Potters Bar, and Mrs M. Hill, of St

The engagement is unnounced between Christopher, elder son of

Detween Christopher, eider son of Dr and Mrs Roger Jowen, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Lyon, of Denbigh, Denbighshire, and Tetbury, Glouoestershire.

and Miss C.V. Foss
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Wing Communder and Mrs R.A.N. McCready, of Bangor, Northern Ireland, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Foss, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

The engagement is announced between Ashley, son of the late Mr. Leonard Niblock and of Mrs Cynthis Niblock of Coventy, and

Susan, daughter of Mr Allen Jennings, of Freezo, California, and of Mrs Joan Hetrick, of Cemerillo, California.

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr

and Mrs John R. Oliver, and Figna, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Nicholas G. Kenney.

The engagement is announced between Smou, stepson of Mr John Binks and son of Mrs Binks.

of Swindon, Wiltshire, and Entrue, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Sage, of Esher, Surrey, and Samantha,

youngest daughter of Mrs Penelope Priest of Littleworth, West Sussex and the late Mr Gordon M. Priest.

Mr R.M. Tapp

and Miss S.M. Kelly

The engagement is announced
between Robin, acn of Mr and Mrs.

Martin Tapp, of St Nicholas-et-Wade, Thanet, Kent, and Susan,

daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Kelly, of Drogheda, County Louth,

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and

Mrs Raymond Woodhams, o

West Dean, East Sussex, and Charlotte, daughter of Dr Jill Durrent, of Segbroke, Oxford-

shire, and the late Dr Reith

and Dr CCJ. Durrent

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Clancy, of Mill Green, Essex.

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and Miss F.D. Renney

and Miss LJ. Hill

Mr M.F. Dobbs and Miss K. Lewis The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Sir Richard and Lady Dobbs, of Castle

Dobbs, Co Antrim, and Kate, danginer of Mr and Mrs Peter Lewis, of Kensington, London. Mr A.B. Branes and Miss H.J.R. Taylor The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr Brian Baines and of Mrs Baines, of Scarcroft, Yorkshire.

and Hermione, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Stephen Taylor, of Rogate, West Sussex.

Mr T.C. Briggs and Ms A.J. Gabriel The engagement is amounced between Thomas Charles, youn-gest son of Mr and Mrs Paul W. Briggs, of Rochester, New York

and Anna Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian McEyoy, of Wranall, North Somerset. Mr.R.J. Condi Miss S.L.J. Lee

The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mrs Jean Cattell and the late Mr George Cattell, of Kent, and Sarah (Rah), daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Lee, of Sussex. My W.T. Cross

and Min LV. Ber The engagement is amnounced between Timothy, son of Mr. Michael Cross, of Hove, Bast Spasex, and Mrs Jill Cross, of Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Paul Benziera, of Lodsworth, West Spasex. West Source.

Mr J.H.B. de Vivennt and Miss C.G.A. Odiesa

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Francis de Vivenot, of Middleburn, Northumberland, and Mrs Frances de Viverot, of Mari-borough, Wilsshire, and Che, daughter of Mr George Odlum and Mrs Virginia Alexander, of Saint Luzis, West Indies.

Captain H.T.F. Dobbie, REME. and Captain V.A. Gayer, RADC The engagement is announced between Hamish, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Graham Dobbie of Edinburgh, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gayer, of Kenley, Surrey.

Mr J.H. EMOR and Min S. Sweet The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John Eaton, of Bacton, Nor folk, and Sally, daughter of Mr John Everett, of Walcote, Leicestershire, and Mrs John Palmer, of Sexhill on Sea, East Summ.

Mr S.E.N. Henry and Miss H.J.R. Marsh The engagement is announced between Sean, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Henry, of Pirbright, Surrey, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Marsh, of Bramshott,

Mr R.P. Higgs and Miss R.J. Lyle Cameron The engagement it announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Higgs, of Driffield, York-shire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lyle Cameron,

of Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire

BIRTHS: Thomas Malthus,

economist and demographer, Rookery, Surrey, 1766; Chris-topher Sholes, pioneer of the typewriter, Mooresburg, Penn-sylvania, 1819; Frank Harris,

DEATHS: King Richard II reigned 1377-99, murdered at Pomefraci Castle, 1400; John Hadley, pioneer of the second, East

Bernet, Hertfordshire, 1744; Cap-tain James Cook, explorer, man-dered by natives, Hawaii, 1779; Henry Mandalay, inventor of the

Anniversaries

writer, Galway, 1856.

metal lathe Condon 1831-36Illiam Sherman, Union Geoeral in the American Civil War, New York, 1891: Sir Pelham (P.G.) Wodehouse, writer, New York, 1975; Sir Julian Fluxley, biologist, London, 1975; Frederick (Frin) Loewe, com-poser, Palm Springs, 1988.

Hospital for Children admitted its first patient, 1852. Marconi began regular broadcast-ing transmissions from Essex,

Landon's Great Ormond Street

The St Valentine's Day massacre took place in Chicago, 1929.

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Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Elizabeth (nos Stocten) and Roderick, a daughter, Isobel Mary, a sister for

METCALFE - On February 10th, to Clare (note Ludjam) and Matthew, a son, Charles Arthur Fitzmaidred, a heather for Clementine.

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ETEWARY-LINERTY -February 6th, to Mary Campbell and Richard

TAMER On 12th February, 1997 at Chamonix Hous Hune Hospital, Prance, to Frama (nie Matsahara) and John, a beautiful daughter,

1997, to Charles and Sarah (née Mather), a son, Alexander Paise, Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

WILD - On February 9th 1997, to Joanna (née Black) and Christopher, a son, Luke, a brocher for Mex. WOOD - On 3rd February 1997, to Cashy and Richard,

PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES February 1947 at Longsight Presbyterian Church, Manchester, Legile (then Major Royal Armoured Corpa) to May, Now living in Bourneasush

CONT - Desaid and Non congratulations on your Golden Wedding today, love from all the family.

DEATHS ARDITI - Jacob, died 26th January 1997 as a result of a traffic accident in Spain, Deathy loved som of Elmi and uncle of Oliver. Greatly respected by many friends. Private Interment at Willesden Liberal Jewish Cometery Sunday 16th Jehrnary.

Palmary.

Pacon - Michael aged 69 years at home in Marker Deeping, Lincolushire, suddenly though peacafully in his sieep on 7 in February, husband of Ina and father to Rigel, Judy and Clive, Feneral Service at \$2 Centher Crurch, Market Deeping on Friday 21st February at 2 pm followed by cremation (Iamily only). Family flowers only, domations in New for The British Heart Foundation elo Faneral Services, 4

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welcome. No flowers please.

CLEMENTS - On February 12th,
Gilbert Edward Issae
Clements LLR of the Middle
Temple, aged 81 years,
Jotmerly Common
Councillor of The City of
London. Sadly missed by
Anne, Valerie, Mary,
Hermione and Reginald.
Funeral Service at the
Temple Church at 3 ym on
Tuesday February 18th. No
flowers, Donations, if
desired, on the Editch Heart
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NHSTAN - Murici Desiree aged 85 years at Charing Cross Hospital on 7th February 1997, Saily missed by her jamily and friends, Pameral Service at Golden Green Commission Friday 21st February at 1.45 pm. 21st February at 1.45 pm.

FORD: - In loving messary of
Ahm Matthew who died on
Sth Kehruary, Destry loved
husband of Sue and father of
foundhan and Emily. Who
was much heved by all he
family and friends and will
be very greatly missed.
Funeral Service at The
Cemetury Chapel, Kennal
Green Cemetery, W10, on
Tuenday 18th February at
1.15 pm. Flowers to John
Nodes & Sona Ltd. 28
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NW10, or donations if
preferred to the British
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GALLETTI DI CADOLHAC Robert GER. On February
11th unexpectedly at The
John Radeliffe Hospital aged
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daughter-in-law Plan,
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HALL - Adrienne Leons of HALL - Advisume Leons on February 17th at home. She may the Saith and is new at rest with God, Fuheral Service at St Stephen's Church, East Twickenham, on 24th February at 12 noon followed by burial at Teddington Countery, Family flowers only, Descrices to The Princess Alice Hospice, Eaber. MUTCHISON - On 10th February, suddebly in hospital, David George Munchelf, and 74. Subret husband of Disa. Function

DEAN-SMITH - Margaret.

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LIOYD-ROBERTS - On 10th Pebruary 1977, suddenly in Lordon, Amballa, beloved daughter of Dr. and Mre Lloyd-Roberts and much level sister of Bichard and Sophia of Camerbury and Talybout, Geyrandd Fussal in Camerbury Cathodial at 2 pm on Thursdry 20th February, No flowers, if deathed donations to NEFC, 42 Curtain Road, London ET2A 3181. Enquises to CM. Lyons of Camerbury, 101: (1927) 463508.

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MARMONIC - Robel, widow of H.M. Bobinson, bate of Malvern College, in her 100th year. Funeral Thursday 20th February 2pm at Malvern College Chapel, followed by private cremation. He flewers. Donations for St John's Ambelance of Malvern College Bussey Pend to F.W. Spilioury, 12 Upper Howsell Street, Malvern, WE14 1TL.

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John Horner, General Secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, 1939-64 and Labour MP for Oldbury and Halesowen. 1964-70, died on February 11 aged 85. He was born on November 5, 1911.

f the Fire Brigades Union was weak when Jack Horner was first elected to lead it in 1939, within a year it was expanding at a rapid rate. The London Blitz was making heavy demands on firefighters. Brigades, constantly in action, were braving dangers and incurring casualties which matched those of many a military unit in battle. sleepless nights. Homer dealt with these emergencies with calm efficiency and, when the war was over, continued to preside over the business of the union for some

twenty years. In his subsequent career as a politician, however, Horner did not meet with the same long-term success. When his career as an MP terminated abruptly he was forced to retire, though he still had much to contribute.

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The son of an illiterate labourer, John Horner grew up in the solidly working-class London borough of Walthamstow. On leaving a local school he became a merchant seaman, made several voyages to South America, and qualified

as a second mate. After a few years he came ashore and joined the Fire Service in London. He spon became active in the Fire Brigades Union, then a weak union enrolling only a minority of firemen. In 1939 he was chosen to be general secretary at the early age of 28. He had

no office and no telephone. Only a year later, with the London Blitz, Horner found himself at the head of a rapidly expanding organisation. He had to cope with countless emergencies as well as with the training of recruits to the wartime Auxiliary Fire Service, among them the poet

Stephen Spender. As the war went on, he spent much of his time dashing between cities which had been severely damaged in air raids. He saw little of his wife Pat whom he had married in 1936. She and their two young daughters found refuge in Oxford, which fortunately was never bombed.

In 1945, like others inspired by Soviet resistance to Hitler, Florner joined the Communist Party. It was a step he came to regret, particularly as he had been offered a nomination as a Labour candidate in the anticipated general election. Had he found a place with Michael Foot and Barbara Castle in the remarkable Labour intake of 1945, his life would have taken a different turning. Instead, he devoted the next two decades to the union and to changes in the Fire Service

That service is proud of its democratic structure, with promotion through the ranks to the very top, and no room for the superannuated politicians or generals who became chairmen of other nationalised industries. Horner established excellent relations with Chief Fire Officers in the cities and counties, who had manned the hoses as he had. The emphasis of the work was turning to fire prevention; old buildings were overhauled to ensure safety, the architects of new buildings consulted fire experts, and a



JOHN HORNER

stringent code of new regulations came into force. Horner made himself an expert in the developing techniques and a relentless opponent of costcutting and carelessness. We shall never know how many

people owe him their lives. Meanwhile, he was a valued asset to the Communist Party and a member of its executive committee. But he grew increasingly critical of the party's efforts to dictate the policies of unions in which it had influence, as well as of the subordination of Communist

parties in the West to the interests of the Soviet Union. The suppression of the Hungarian uprising in 1956 was the last straw. Horner left the CP, taking with him all the other Communists in the leadership of the FBU.

His political activity was now in the Left of the Labour Party and especially in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament after its foundation in 1958. He decided at last to go into Parliament, was selected for the Oldbury and

in the 1964 and 1966 elections. His closest friend - they shared a Westminster flat was Norman Buchan, also an ex-Communist and a CND campaigner. However, while Buchan briefly held junior office in Harold Wilson's Government. Homer did not adjust himself easily

parliamentary politics. In 1970 Wilson was ejected from Downing Street and Homer from the Oldbury seat. He ascribed this to his lack of wisdom in canvassing

Immediate priority, and ap-

Though born in Brno,

Bohumil Hrabal was largely

raised in Nymburk, 20 miles

northeast of Prague, where his

father was a brewery manag-

er. After leaving school he

began to study law at Charles

University, Prague. But in

March 1939 the Germans

occupied Prague, completing

the rape of Czechoslovakia

they had begun the previous

October, in the wake of the

Munich betrayal. It was a

grim time for intellectuals.

Czechoslovakia's leading writ-

er, Karel Capek, had just died

in his forties, his heart, it was

said, "pierced by the ferrule of

Chamberlain's umbrella".

More pertinently, as far as

Hrabal's studies were con-

cerned, the Nazis closed the

During the war years

Hrabal worked on the rail-

ways, which gave him the wry

insights into the running of

the country's railmed network

during wartime that were to

form much of the background

to A Close Watch on the

In 1946 he completed his

studies at Charles University

with a doctorate, but he was

never to practise as a lawyer. By 1948 Czechoslovakia's brief

period of postwar liberty was

at an end. Again the country

was no place for intellectuals

with any moral rectitude.

Hrabal worked successively

as a travelling salesman, in a

steelworks and in a ware-

house. Finally he took a job as

a stagehand, thus inching his

way slowly towards a career

in literature to which, in the 1960s, he devoted himself ex-

chusively.
The thaw which was to

develop into the liberalising of

the "Prague Spring" of 1968

was by then under way. In

1963 Hrabal had a short story.

Little Pearl on the Bottom, published, and it met a

favourable reception from co-

gnoscenti. The Czech film

industry was also benefiting

from the new, liberal climate

and some of his stories were

filmed as shorts by the country's "new wave" film-makers.

country's universities.

peared the following year.

on the afternoon when the voters were watching West Bromwich Albion in the Cup Final. But, at a more serious level, he was a casualty of the racist tide which swept the West Midlands in the wake of Enoch Powell's "Rivers of Rinad" speech. Homer could not return to the FBU, which had a new leadership drawn from a younger generation, and he never tried to return to Westminster, Still under 60. he was forced into retirement.

However, it was an active and on the whole enjoyable retirement. In 1967 he published a book. Studies in Industrial Democracy, and later he started an autobiography, but halted it when he felt it overlapped with a history of the FBU. Always a voracious reader, he acquired an impressive knowledge of literature and history and also became a good amateur painter.

He and his wife Pat made their home in Herefordshire. within driving distance of Oldbury, and when he had leisure he was an impeccable guide to the castles, churches and village inns of the Welsh borders.

Horner's last years were lonely. The death of his wife in 1994, ending 58 years of a close and rewarding marriage, was a severe blow. Of their two daughters Rosalind held a position with an overseas development agency and was often abroad and Carol was confined to a wheelchair after a car accident. His close friend, Norman Buchan, had also died in 1990, and few of Homer's friends lived near to his home in Ross on Wve. Those who mourn his death also know that he did not wish to live longer.

With the translation of A

Close Watch on the Trains

short stories, Pearls of the

Deep, in 1968 Hrabal's reput-

ation became an international

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shortly to be brutally sup-

pressed. In August 1968 War-

ment of Alexander Dubcek

A purge of Czech culture

then ensued. All Hrabal's

work was banned and the

entire editions of two of his

unpublished books which

were still at the printers were

destroyed. Thereafter, for

eight years, his works were

circulated only in typewritten

samizdat editions. In 1975 he

gave an interview to a literary

magazine in which he ap-

peared to express some sup-

port for the Husak regime. This led to a partial lifting of

the ban on publishing his

works and the printing of

some rather conventional ma-

terial was permitted. But it

bore little relation to the

unexpurgated texts which

After the "Velvet Revolu-

tion" of 1989 Hrabal was

criticised for what had been

seen as a capitulation to the

Communist regime. But he continued to be a popular

writer, his books selling in

Czechoslovakia in their thou-

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in Britain in 1977, was in fact

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in Czechoslovakia in 1966. A

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emerging from Czech presses since the late 1980s.

frequent the Prague bars and

was a familiar sight in his favourite, the Golden Tiger.

He enjoyed a glass of beer with President Clinton during

the latter's visit to the city in

His wife died in 1988; there

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In old age Hrabal loved to

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Hulanicki in 1961.

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STEPHEN FITZ-SIMON

Stephen Fitz-Simon, founder of the Biba boutique, died on January 16 aged 59. He was born on March 5. 1937.

A TEMPLE to all that was hip in the swinging Sixties, the Biba boutique in London's Kensington was the brainchild of Stephen Fitz-Simon and Barbara Hulanicki. She was the stylist, he was the business brain; together they sent the established world of fashion retail into a spin. They offered cut-price glamour and disposable glitz: slinky skirts and feather boas, long suede boots and sequinned jackets. The Biba girl was an embodiment of the spirit of her age. Born in Surbiton the son of

a motor engineer, Stephen Charles Fitz-Simon was educated by Jesuits at Beaumont College. But he was to retain few characteristics of this conventional upbringing — except perhaps his laconic drawl. On leaving school he began work with an advertising agency and, though he rose to become an accounts executive with the company, he preferred to recall his time there as one spent playing darts and drinking in dodgy London pubs.

Rakishly good-looking, he was a familiar figure at parties and it was at one of these that he first met the stylish young fashion illustrator Barbara Hulanicki, Two years were to clapse before they met again. by which time Fitz-Simon was engaged. He broke off the engagement to marry

It was Fitz-Simon who first encouraged his wife to set up a mail order clothes business. marketing her own designs. The Biba Postal Boutique -Biba being the pet name of Hulanicki's sister - got off to a satisfactory start. Then, less than a year later, it spared to speciacular success. In one month some 17,000 pink gingham dresses with matching

Barbara Hulanicki opened her first boutique in a former chemist's shop in a Kensington sidestreet. Fitz-Simon, who by this time had left the advertising agency, joined her. Although, he was later to joke, his offices would be commandeered as a changing room and board meetings would be held in the bath, it was his sharp understanding of how the retail business

Kensington Church Street. Sales continued to boom and a mail order catalogue was launched. Fitz-Simon kept

expanding business. It was said that he could price a dress at ten paces. But if he was warmly good-natured in daily life, concerned that the customers should enjoy Biba as much as he did, celebrating successful days' takings with a glass of champagne for his staff, he was sharp and thrusting in business, driving hard bargains and negotiating tight

deals. In 1969 Biba changed premises again, this time to Kensington High Street. The Fitz-Simons sold 75 percent of their business to Dorothy Perkins to finance the move. Hulanicki, however, had her heart set on buying another nearby Art Deco building, the once beautiful hulk of the former store, Derry & Toms. In 1972 Fitz-Simon bought it for her and the Biba boutique made its final move.

The demise of Biba began when Dorothy Perkins was taken over by British Land. Despite the fact that it was the distinctive style and vision of Fitz-Simon and Hulanicki that had made the boutique what it was, they found their opinions increasingly disregarded by the board of directors. The soul of the venture gradually melted away and with it. increasingly, the profits. In 1975 the store was declared bankrupt and closed. The Biba label --- seized as an asset --- was sold. It belongs today to Ellen Shek, the Hong Kong entrepreneur.

From then on the Fitz-Simons led an unsettled life. They emigrated to Brazil where they opened a shop in São Paolo for a while before, uncomfortable with the disparity of lifestyle between rich and poor, they returned to England. But the mood of grasping ambition in 1980s England did not suit their Sixties sensibilities either. Although they established a new cosmetics business and opened another small shop, they stayed just five years, before moving to Miami in 1987, where Barbara had been commissioned to design a nightclub for the Rolling Stones star Ronnie Wood.

In Miami she built up a career as a designer while Fitz-Simon occupied himself with a number of projects, including working on several novels. The energy and speed of change in Miami at that time was evocative of the Sixties.

In April last year they moved once again, this time to New York, where they opened a new shop. Fitz-Fitz. It was a short-lived project and closed six months later when Fitz-Simon fell ill.

Fitz-Simon leaves his widow and son.



Stephen Fitz-Simon with his wife Barbara

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BOHUMIL HRABAL

Bohumil Hrabal, Czech novelist and short story writer, died after falling from the fifth floor window of a Prague hospital on February 3 aged 82. He was born in Brno on March 28, 1914.

SINCE he did not begin writing until he was almost fifty, the creative career of Bohumil Hrabal coincided very largely with the period of Czechoslovakia. Yet his subversiveness is not simply a matter of protest against that particular form of totalitariansm. Rather it is the age-old revolt of the Czech spirit against any form of foreign domination, a tendency which reaches back to the Middle

It is a subversiveness Hrabal shares with his great compatriot Jaroslav Hašek, whose keen sense of the absurdity of attempting to impose bureaucratic order on the fundamental unruliness of the human spirit he shares.

His masterpiece, the novel A Close Watch on the Trains (1965, tr 1968), in many ways

recalls Hasek. Time has moved on: the collarsing Austro-Hungarian Empire has given way to the deaththroes of the Nazi regime in Czechoslovakia as the Russians aporoach its eastern borders. But the ingredients of hilarity and absurdity are

Yet Hrabal's anti-hero, the assistant station master Milos Hrma, is no mere copy of Hasek's Lord of Misrule, the whom the laughter simply never stops. Hima is assailed by doubts on all levels, notably fear of sexual failure and the ridicule it will bring. His progress through life is always in danger of being cut short before his potential can be realised. There is a poignancy in his final achievement of a heroic resolve which leads him on a spicidal mission to blow up a German ammunition train.

The book appeared during a period of comparative thaw and gave rise to the film Closely Observed Trains (1966), by the writer-director Jiri Menzel, with whom Hrabal co-operated closely on



the screenplay. The film won an Oscar in 1967 as the best

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With the capture of the Isle of France, a French trading post and naval base in the Indian Ocean, Napoleon's hopes of victory at sea were finally dashed.

had embarked in the Africaine towards that anchorage. On the 24th I was joined by Rear Admiral Drury, with a division of his squadron, and was enabled to strengthen the blockading squadron, by detaching the Cornelia and Heper for that purpose; and with the others made all sail for Rodriquez, where the squadron arrived on the 3rd of November and found lying there the division of troops from Bomboy; on the 6th arrived the division from Madras under convoy of the Psyche and Controllis.

arrived the division from Madras under convoy of the Psyche and Cornwallis.

The divisions from Bengal and the Cape, not arriving by the 20th, the season being so far advanced and the anchorage (surrounded by reefs) by no means secure, more particularly for so large a number of ships. I determined on weighing with the whole fleet on the morning of

the Z2nd, proposing the convoy should cruize (sic) to windward until joined by one or other of the divisions. Very fortunately intelligence was received on the night of the 21st that the Bengal division, under convoy of the Illustrious, was in the offing. General Abertromby deemed it: as well as myself, advisable they should not anchor; but that, having communicated with the convoy, we should protect to the attack of the Isla of we should proceed to the attack of the Isle of France, without waiting the junction of the troops expected from the Cape. The whole fleet accordingly weighed from the anchorage, and on the morning of the 29th bore up for the point of debarkation it had been determined to occupy in Grande Baye, about twelve miles to windward of Part I out; where the Aframia tenden is not the total the control of the part of the point of Part I out; where the Aframia tenden is not the total control of the part of Port Louis, where the Africaine leading in and the Port Louis, where the Africaine leading in and the several ships of war following with the convoy, according to a previous arrangement the whole fleet was at anchor by ten o'clock a.m., consisting of nearly 20 sail; and the army, with their artillery, stores and ammunition, the several detachments of marines serving in the squadron, with a large broky of seamer disembarked the with a large body of seamen, disembarked the with a targe body in scanner, unsemanate and same day, without a single loss or accident: a division of ships still traintained a vigilant blockade of the port; another division remained blockage of the port another division remained for the protection of the convoy at the anchorage; and a third under my immediate command shifted their stations as circumstances required, to keep up a more effectual communication with the army as it advanced and which was dependent for its supplies of provisions and stores dependent for its supplies of provinces wholly on the resources of the navy . . .



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CATHERINE, Can Enty come out to play? I love you hugely. See DAME Chocolate today same.

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AME I have you more than anything in the world. You cream cake, kisses. [hivio.

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Li Love you still, always will love HCD.

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Off rare years of love and larger ness, thank you my lovely Liu

OUR open for ever I love you. Now and for ever more.

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24th February.

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MARSINI - first we kine, then we candida have you , always . Hammy one.

BARL! I know it's not said often but you drive ine emay and I love most than you can take the infinite love Mindy.

ANDET I seen you southwher before! Hail a cab, Michael let's see the world. Love Inches

AZE, BLAK! No one loves you as much as I do. Michael

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TEL: 01904 610034 much I love you Kebs. SMA, Can't weir to spend the rest of my life with you. All my love, Sed. love you and I'm still here for you and I continue to hold you and entry you in my heart. Love Valentine. GEL in a sports car I will always love you. To Mary from Peni Orbeille With thanks and administration. See you in STL Love from Miles. GLAD there's sell a Mason Class even gladder you're these at the years nound. LCME you for all you have done for me. Love Ray.

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ne long as it takes, I will always be there with all my love for ever Alan's Doy G. JULY I don't believe it I didn't take you to the fand, and the duren's out EZ.

GAMMA My presty little Gree girl, I love you a big one, los fewever Daffy Duck. OBLE, you will find me under forces in the Tallow Pages.

got my camera with me).

LAMMY I have you more than I can say and I'm no happy that we finally manded in Manded by the Dal Bay. Love you always former and a day your tanggy lamb with a weggy tail.

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MANTON Whatman Assault MARTY Whatever feature years and policy bold one change will still be true if the life's proposed gift will should be to have your love and you. MAINTEEN My desectable lady, bless you for our seven wooderful, years together, I have you. James together, I have you laws have to you with all my hore, h. MY CARRIE, I love you despite the seappings and you've feature and you've feature an exotic effect! It. My cuddly toddy bear loss you, I do, today tonoctors and forever - your elegant lady. MY denotes Treety ple, I want to spend florever with you on the perch alone. With love, warmth and affection, the optimizate putyles. SET dearest A-C, Missing you very, very much had hope to see you very social Yours most loving, Fou Pou. MONTH GEEN' Love you always and forever I readly seems that the fact of forever I readly seems that the Liound.

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lave you - Michael. TO JR. (Rocky) I will have you till the end of time. Love you always, yours \$1. (2). Lightham love Supervises Lighting a infinity + 1 but wee his underwest inside. TO LITTLE ONE, more cold eniders, tortilla chips and example on Borwarth Battle Salds please! Love Statepy. there he they hot air at party they are all ballooms to see. I'm only too glad to be your balloon man forever, it. then Little pathiness has the simples pathiness pathiness pathiness pass. SWEET'S From a wite and now a mother test always and forever you'll be my lover. Hoppy Valuation by Day, Espaid Keybangun, TPA.

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glad we met. With love XX.

D my sweetest "Man of Steel" thinking "fordly" of you as always and especially tuday, Rappy Valentian's Day.

O My wife and Valentine of fifty one years with graneful thanks

TO kina Torter I love you this much from Ruthie The Bear.

POGER POLICIES, the beautiful Russian say, meet me in Rotze-cian this weekend. I'll bring the ghaspages. Leve from Hot. TO SAW and his organisms, loving you today is big BG heart.

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AlipEville Roses Flash! No and father send hundles of to be you know who message and

TAZI Missing you badly, love you forever, he with me always. Hope we can meet this year.

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IEHERA, special day for a very special posson, love you lous and always will, lead have spittless resigned. All my love Robby Banaha Batt;

THANKS Pess - Car for being my purefect partner less you very

34 YEARS: Not it seems it was only yestenday. Jo Cabre, L. YOU are my Valenties become your love makes me make like a chocolets in your mouth.

VALISHE Many women have done meatiently but you surpass them all john. YOU have always been my Valen-tine you always will be VII of MPS. Squarthings pad Extendship specialist to a street insting with The Sec. How will you know if (os from the cat Lister or inst INC DAMESS I love you move! All my love Camb IX XX V it's simple. I will always love you. The rust is the hard part. YOUR in my life now, my love, my drawn would be complete, places make me your wife now. YOUR my North South East West forget logic MBA work lets be together love you, Jame. YOUR WORDS 1996: Dine out? but we'd better finish that cold chicken. My plan 1997: No conking run up to Feb 14th. Logs you!

Wallett or cherry, M or M, who cares? This see wood sivey! BAU, Love XXI. Wast Norwood I love you YVONINE Love you mare today than yesterday but less than tommotor joke.

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JRA victim tells of soldier's death

The woman who narrowly escaped death in the IRA sniper attack told how Lance Bombardier Stephen Rosterick was shot in the back as he stood smiling at her. Lorraine McElroy, 35, a Roman Catholic, said: "I just wanted to go and hold him because he was so alone and he was dying".............Pages 1, 4

Britain in Iran

Britain is to sponsor a stand at an energy fair in Tehran in April, encouraging British firms to invest in Iran's gas and oil industry in defiance of the American sanctions

Leaks demand

A former Tory minister called for the interrogation of senior colleagues on oath as part of a public inquiry into leaks from a Com-____Page 2 mons committee

Doctor jailed

A doctor who failed to perform a simple test that could have saved the life of a young father and then tried to faisify his records was jailed for manslaughter ... Page 3

Search for love

Private detectives are being hired for up to £500 a case to find the anonymous senders of Valentine cards. They use modern surveillance technology and handwriting analysis.....

Lawrence claim

The parents of Stephen Lawrence, the black teenager murdered at a bus stop, were planning a civil action for damages against the five white men originally accused of killing

Cancer success

Deaths from breast cancer are falling among women under 65 because tumours are being spot-

Mew leaf

A Church of England bishop has given up the Bible for Lent. The Bishop of Jarrow, Dr Alan Smithson is reading the Koran Page 9

Korean suspense

The suspense surrounding the apparent defection of a North Korean leader to a South Korean diplomatic compound in Beijing showed no sign of letting up as Seoul sent a delegation... Page 13

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An opinion survey shows that a majority of South Africans are against the affirmative-action hiring practices that are a centrepiece of government policy and nearly universal in the private

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Smugglers in Albania have taken advantage of a police withdrawal and taken back 100 speedboats that had been confiscatedPage 16 Clinton donations

The Chinese Embassy was used to channel illegal donations to help President Clinton's re-election, said the man who helped toPage 8 uncover Watergate...........Page 17

Major wins the romantic vote

■ John Major says in a Valentine's Day interview that marriage was the most significant event of his life and far more important than becoming Prime Minister. But Tony Blair in. Cosmopolitan, which features the Labour leader in its directory of the 100 sexiest men alive, says the most significant event of his life was "becoming party leader"......Page 1



Armed police outside the High Court vesterday during the search for a woman who had threatened judges with a gunPage 1

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Stepping out in style: Rambert Dance Company's spring tour features two new works by Kim Brandstrup and Christopher

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A Korean glimpse

China has the world's spodight on

it as it decides which of the Koreas to offend, its destitute old Cammunist ally or the valued investor and

Day of the cow

Behind the catcalls in the Commons yesterday lies a happy coincidence of strategy and tactics for Labour. Strategically it makes sense to attack the Government for its clear failure in the BSE CTISIS.....

The broadest Church

The Church of England can be a broad church or a Protestant sect. For St Paul's Cathedral, as elsewhere, the first route should be ... Page 21

MATTHEW PARRIS

Shotgun and rifle-owners had better start praying to every God they and David Mellor recognise. The will of the people is a capricious thing, and arrives on little cats'

PETER RIDDELL

Mr Brown wants to show that he is not only the Iron Chancellor in waiting but that he also has radical instincts. A Labour Government could make a difference though it would be along very different lines from what Anthony Crosland envisagedPage 11

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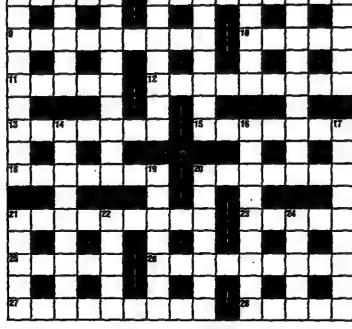
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- 1 As a booby prize it's wooden club
- 4 Bird providing picnic meal? (9). 9 Floral necklace certainly makes one relaxed (9).
- 10 Rotten nuisance, having such an attack of lassitude (5).
- 11 Scoundrel has to leave hiding (5). 12 Trace a bright spark (9).
- 13 Raised little money, unfortunately, back in city (7). 15 Having a quick one - hitter? (7). 18 Feature on drink in public dis-
- cussion (5-2). 20 Bright little spot in naughty Naples about midnight (7).
- 21 Smash to get point or a foot-
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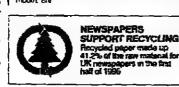
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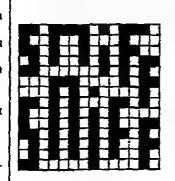
- 1 Felt so dumb, perhaps, avoiding motorway to show lack of confidence (4-5).
- 2 Not starting cutting down, though in debt (5). 3 Nervous patient taking new
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- Delightful vivacity about youth leader is uplifting (7). 6 Put up dirty sort of shirt that's hung out (5).
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more showery but will fall as snow on the hills. Other parts, as well as Northern Ireland, will be mostly dry with sunny spells and some show these mainly in the west. It will still be quite breezy, but temperatures will be close to average, after a touch of frost

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Doubts grow over inflation target

BY JANET BUSH

THE Chancellor's chances of hitting his inflation target by the end of the current Parliament reced-

changed in January.
Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments and which the Government has pledged to reduce to 25 per cent or less by the election, stuck at 3.1 per cent last month, according to the Office for National

Headline inflation jumped to 2.8 per cent from 2.5 per cent in De-cember, almost entirely due to the fact that mortgages rose this January but fell at the same stage last year. This was anticipated by the City but there vas disappointment about underlying inflation.

However, analysts said that the news was not bad enough to force Kenneth Clarke to raise interest rates in the run-up to the election. The main upward food prices which were boosted by higher prices for vegetables because bad weather bit supplies.

On the positive side, January sales saw even steeper discounting than last year, a sign that retailers are still not managing to raise their margins despite appearently robust demand. Household goods prices fell 36 per cent, the biggest fall in any January since this series began in 1956. Clothing and footwear prices fell 5.8 per cent, the largest lanuary fall since comparable records began in 1947.

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said: "Serious commentators, including the Bank of England in their Inflation Report this week, expect inflation to fall back over the coming months." She cited this week's low producer prices figures and sterling's strength as reasons to believe that inflation re-

mains under control. The inflation news came the day after the Bank's Inflation Report, which reiterated its view that a moderate rates rise is needed if the Government is to hit its inflation target of 2.5 per cent or less in two years' time. The Bank said that sterling's strength would see inflation fall sharply in the short-term but then increase to 3 per cent "and rising" by the end of 1998 if interest rates

were unchanged. The Chancellor still op-

Pearson hit by £100m Penguin discount bill

UNAUTHORISED discounts offered by a junior employee of Penguin USA have cost Pearson, owner of the book publisher, £100

The employee, an American woman who worked in Penguin's accounts department in New Jersey, had been offering discounts since 1991 on book orders in exchange for accelerated payments from retailers. Pearson said the discounts, which averaged 5 per cent, were violated company policy and had the net effect of boosting the retailers' cash flow at Pearson's expense.

knocked 73 p off Pearson's share price, to 690p, at one point. The shares later recovered some of the loss to close 14p lower at 7492p.

Pearson declined to identify the woman, who was dismissed this month. The company, with the help of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, its New York legal counsel, and Price Waterhouse, its accounting firm, is investigating the matter. Arthur Andersen, Penguin's former accountant, and the woman's colleagues and bosses are thought to be part of the investigation.

Pearson would not rule out fraud, but said that the inquiry so far has uncovered no ridence that the wormen offered the discounts for personal gain. John Makinson. finance director, said: "At this stage ... we cannot be sure

what the motivation was." The inquiry is expected to take several months. Michael Lynton, the chief executive of Penguin who replaced Peter Mayer last summer, said: They have five years of paperwork. This is an enormous task." Mr Mayer joined Penguin as chief executive in 1978. He ran the worldwide group from London for ten years, before moving to the New York office.



Peter Mayer became Penguin chief executive in 1978

The £100 million will be taken as a charge against Pearson's 1996 accounts and will not affect the profit expectations for 1997. The figure is equivalent to three times the worldwide operating profits of

Penguin last year. Marjorie Scardino, Pear son's new chief executive, said the "lion's share" of the amount will cover the value of the discounts. The rest will cover the costs of the investigation and the rebates that may

be demanded by any book retailer that was not offered discounts by the Penguin employee. The latter could lead to expensive litigation if the retailers claim more than Pearson believes they are owed.

The improper accounting was uncovered in January, when Mr Lymon was merging Penguin and Putnam Berkley. American publisher bought by Pearson for £200 million in December. He found problems in the credit

department and called in Price

The woman offered discounts in exchange for payments in 60 days instead of the usual 90 days. The discounts were then "smothered" in mountains of accounts-receivable paperwork and were never disclosed as bad debts. An official said the employee created "an accounting web of

breathtaking complexity." The woman received part of her pay as bonus, but Pearson

said that accelerated pay Waterhouse to investigate. ments from retailers would have in no way affected her

Marjorie Scardino has accounted for inquiry costs

remuneration package. The scandal emerged one day after Michael Price, the activist American investor, said that he had taken a 1 per cent stake in Pearson. Events in America have reinforced the City's belief that the group is accident-prone and vulnerable to takeover.

De Savary to float new £100m venture

By JASON NISSE

PETER de SAVARY, the colourful entrepreneur who owned both Land's End and planning to float his new venture, The Carnegie Club, with a market value of £100

"We plan to float in the next 18 months, either in New York or London," Mr de Savary said yesterday.

The flotation of Carnegie would represent a return to the public arena by Mr de Savary, who lost a large part of his fortune in the early 1990s when his Placedon group collapsed, owing £50 million. He was also central to the abortive venture to redevelop Canvey Island in the Thames Estuary, which led to a Department of Trade & Industry investigation into Blue Arrow, his partner.

It will be the third time Mr de Savary, who is also hoping to stand as a Referendum Party candidate, has run a public company. The first, LandLeisure, was bought by Leisure Investments in the late 1980s, a deal that forced Leisure investments into receiv ership. The second, Highland Participants, was taken pri-vate by Mr de Savary eight

years ago. The Carnegie Club currently has three operations -Skelbo Castle in Scotland, Stapleford Park in Leicestershire and the London Outpost in Mayfair. Mr de Savary said that he was in discussions to open three more country houses - in Tuscany, Ireland and the East Coast of the US -

and two new outposts, in Paris and New York. By the time the company floats it should have a turn-over of as much as £40 million, he said. However, he expects the business to be worth at least twice that.

Mr de Savary is also involved in the shipping business, owning the dry dock at

BUSINESS TODAY

Going well

Shell, the oil company, announced record profits up 30 per cent to £5.7 last year and the name of its new chairman in Britain. The final dividend rises 10 per cent. The group is cautious on Page 29, Tempus 30

Going badly

Philips, the Dutch electronics group, suffered a £200 million profits fall to £900 million. The company also played down speculation about splitting up saying that its original plans remained on Page 32, Tempus 30

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Tax change threatens | SFA expels trader at jobs and investment

By ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of jobs and hundreds. of millions of pounds of investment in major projects are at risk from new legislation before Parliament.

Projects which in the recent past have relied on lease finance money - now under threat from the Finance Bill include the UK plants of Nissan and Toyota, the Japanese car manufacturers, the Trafford Centre development in Manchester and the modernisation of London Underground's Northern Line.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor acting on advice from the Inland Revenue, introduced a retrospective measure in November's Budget to block generous tax breaks available to investors using the lease finance

The Revenue, which alleges that certain lease finance schemes amount to tax avoidance, calculates that some £3 billion is involved in the various

projects. The taxman calculates that the Treasury could collect an extra £150 million a year if the loophole is

Martin Hall, director-general of the Finance and Leasing Association, said last night. "The retrospective nature of the Chancellor's action is scandalous. At issue is the fact that large investors who have put up billions to back British projects are being penalised retrospectively. Investors who take the risk to back substantial projects may

now think twice." Peel Holdings, the property develop-ment company involved in Manchester's Trafford Park development, has told the Treasury that the £200 million bill to finance the project, which will provide 6,000 permanent jobs when opened next year, could grow by at least "several million" if the proposed measure is kept in the Finance Bill.

Henry Ansbacher

A FORMER senior trader at Henry Ansbacher & Co, the merchant bank, has been banned from working in the City for the "grossly improper" transfer of \$70,000 to his associate's account in

The Securities and Futures Authority. the watchdog for brokers and futures traders, announced yesterday that David Crook, who joined Henry Ansbacher in April 1994 as a senior dealer to trade and market South African gilts and gold shares, had been expelled and ordered to pay £8,500 costs. The bank was reprimanded, fined £20,000 for "supervisory and procedural failings" and told to pay costs of £5,400.

The SFA said that in August 1994 Mr Crook, who was subsequently dismissed for gross misconduct, "caused the firm to make a payment of \$70,000 by falsely representing that these were margin funds for a new propriety trading account opened by Henry Ansbacher & Co with another firm. In fact no such trading account existed, and the payment was really an unauthorised transfer of funds to an associate of Mr Crook in Zimbabwe^e. The SFA which was not told of the unauthorised transaction until June 1995, said Mr

Crook had repaid the money. During the investigation, Mr Crook was asked for details of his bank accounts. The SFA said: "Mr Crook subsequently provided false, misleading and substantially inaccurate particulars relating to the existence of bank accounts held by him in the UK."

Mr Crook took his case to a disciplinary tribunal. It found that he had "consistently and repeatedly lied or resort-ed to half-truths during interviews with the SFA about his bank accounts.

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Economic View, page 3i Chubb expected to reveal agreed takeover



Sir Ernest Harrison, left, and David Peacock

CHUBB SECURITY is expected today to unveil an agreed takeover bid that will value the company at up to £1.25 billion.
Williams Holdings, the diversified industrial group, was last night regarded as the
most likely candidate to take control of the

lock-making company.

Chubb issued a statement yesterday confirming that it was in bid talks that could lead to an offer of up to 450p a share. The move came after Chubb shares began to climb on rumours that it was about to become a bid target. Shares in the company jumped more than 20 per cent yesterday closing at 420p, compared with a low this year of 310p, and valuing the company at £1.2 billion.

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, holds

shares valued at 17 million at yesterday's

closing price. David Peacock, chief execu-

tive, could receive a total pay-off package

By Alasdair Murray

of more than 52 million. He holds share options valued at £1.6 million at yestery's closing price, while he was paid £400,000 last year. He also holds shares worth E428,000.

The expected bid comes five years after Williams lost a £760 million takeover battle for equirol of the Racal group - a move that hastened the demerger of Chubb from the company. Racal and Chubb, which are both chaired by Sir Ernest, yesterday had a combined market capitalisation of nearly £2 billion. Analysts said that Williams, which

owns the Yale lock business, would be likely to face a monopolies inquiry if it took control of Chubb but the two businesses had obvious synergies. Other potential bidders named yesterday included Tyen International, the US indus-.trial company that bought Thorn Security for £138 million last summer and was busy in the US market yesterday selling nearly \$500 million of stock to help pay of debt. But Ingersoll-Rand, the US industri-al company, was ruled out by analysts as it is still completing a £230 million agreed

Chubb shares performed strongly after demerger, quickly rising from an opening quote of 201p. But the company's performance has stuttered more recently and the shares slid nearly 20 per cent from their high of 380p last year. Chubb has insisted that it can restore growth through acquisitions although the market has been concerned by the dilutive impact of recent purchases. At the half year Chubb revealed only a small rise in profits to £45 million and said that acquisitions would knock around £3 million off profits this

Are your Valentines all cards, or is there someone special?

A Valentine card is the perfect flirtation: amorously suggestive, teasingly anonymous, thankfully ephemeral. But what if you want to make a more lasting impression? To convey what you think of their taste and discernment? A bottle of James Herrick's Chardonnay will flatter by reflecting what is most desirable: good looks, an endearing freshness and honesty, real depth of character coupled with the elegance and style of the South
of France. Give style of the South your Valentine a card if you want to tease. Give them James Herrick if you're for real. Herrick DONNAY James Herrick

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French deficit no bar to EMU says OECD

BY JANET BUSH

FRANCE should have no difficulty in cutting its budget deficit this year to the level needed to qualify for membership of the European single currency, according to a notably upbeat report from the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

It said the spending freeze already announced for 1997, together with a large one-off payment from France Telecom, should ensure that the deficit falls from 4 per cent of gross

Regulator

in fresh

TransCo

attack

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

industrial correspondent

TRANSCO, British Gas's

pipeline business, came

under renewed fire from

the industry regulator yes-

terday as she unveiled detailed plans to strip down the business and

publish commercial information the company

Clare Spottiswoode may

chop the pipeline network

into separate parts to allow in new players. She said:

"In the very long term we

could have alternative methods of getting gas around the country."

The fresh revelations come at a highly sensitive time for British Gas - the

company splits into two on Monday - and investors will be concerned about

prospects for TransCo, al-

ready in an MMC inquiry.

over a pricing dispute with:

publish commercial infor-

mation supplied by the business. Ms Spot-tiswoode will in the next

few months put more in-

formation in the public domain without the com-

She said regulation

would be better executed

with more information in

the public arena, and that

decisions on whether it

was commercially confi-

dential would be taken by

the regulator rather than

Ms Spottiswoode made

the attacks as she pub-

lished her annual report. It

revealed that complaints

about British Gas were up

pany's approval.

More bad news is in store for TransCo with the regulator's intention to

the regulator.

wants kept secret.

reducing the deficit, which it envisages, "there should be room to take the measures needed to bring it back on track".

It said that, in the absence of additional measures, further progress in fiscal consolida-tion would be slow and the overall deficit could remain close to 3 per cent in 1998. But France's government debt to GDP ratio is, in any case, likely to remain below the 60 per cent Maastricht ceiling, it said. The OECD was also

domestic product in 1996 to the Maastricht upper limit of 3 per cent in 1997. The OECD said that, even if there is some slippage in saying that a sharp easing in monetary policy saying that a sharp easing in monetary policy coupled with an improving climate in foreign export markets, sets the stage for a stronger growth performance over the next two years. It predicts that growth may accelerate to 25 per cent in 1997 and 1998.

Unemployment, however, is expected to remain a significant problem, falling only to around 12 per cent of the labour force by the end of 1988 from around 12.5 per cent currently. The OECD said that France may have a structural

unemployment rate of around 10 per cent and that, without substantial measures to deregulate the labour market, it is likely to remain

The OECD also called for liberalisation of sheltered sections of the French economy to enhance the dynamism of the economy. It said that, despite the European single market project, progress in raising competi-tive pressures in many sectors had been very

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powers

PEOPLE claiming compensation from insurance companies could soon be automatically entitled to up to £100,000 payonts, plus unlimited sums for distress and

Insurance companies are

cap on distress payments.

The Personal Investment by close of business today.

At present the ombudsman can award up to £50,000 and, if necessary, make recommendations for compensation to exceed this. Under the new proposals, this limit would be doubled to £100,000, into line with the powers of the bank-

After today's deadline the responses will be scrutinised by the PIA and discussed at the next monthly meeting of the Council of the PIA Ombudsman Bureau, which will then issue guidelines.

Standard Life, one of the largest UK insurers, believes that if distress is genuine "it is difficult to see why it should be capped". Tom King, a director of the mutual, said: "We maximum compensation pay-ments doubled to £100,000, which would bring the insurance ombudsman's powers into line with the banking

Insurance watchdog may boost

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

inconvenience.

backing plans to double compensation from £50,000 to £100,000 and to scrap the £750

Authority (PIA) has asked insurance trade bodies, consumer groups, insurance comauthorities for their opinions

The proposals have the sup-port of the Association of British Insurers, the trade body representing almost 440 insurance companies, and Standard Life, the UK's larg-est mutual life insurer.

ing ombudsman.

Rover feels pinch of the rising pound

ROVER is the latest company to send out distress signals over the rise in sterling. Walter Hasselkus, its chief executive, said yesterday that if the pound stayed strong, Rover might said yesterday that it the pound stayed strong, known inguiting to minimise negative effects by buying more parts abroad. Rover is especially affected by the strong pound because of its links with BMW, its parent company. Mr Hasselkus said that sterling exchange rates of DM2.70 to DM2.80 "would be a problem for Rover and British industry".

The mark's recent decline against most currencies, including sterling and the dollar, has helped German exporters, but made foreign goods costlier for Germans, who are increasingly buying Rover cars. However, Mr Hasselkus gave warning against too much gloom. He expects sterling to fall back again, and, until 1998. Rover's currency risk is hedged out with the help of complex financial instruments. UK exporters have been facing an increasingly tough business climate since sterling began to rise again after its 1992 fall.

Stena to shed 330 jobs

STENA LINE has given unions formal notification of 330 compulsory redundancies at the ports of Dover and Newhaven in advance of the proposed merger of its UK ferry operations with P&O European Ferries, it was reported yesterday. The merger has yet to be approved by UK. French and EU competition authorities. It is thought that up to 1,000 jobs across the two ferry companies will eventually go, and the current round of redundancies is only the first tranche. Stena's crew are expected to bear the brunt of the cuts.

Fed backs banking move

ALAN GREENSPAN, US Federal Reserve Chairman, said the Fed supports moves to allow non-banking institutions to offer banking services. The head of the US central bank told the House of Representatives banking sub-committee. "The boundaries between finance and non-finance are likely to become increasingly indistinct." He said computer and software businesses were developing sophisticated products that blurred the distinction. But he called on Congress to move with caution in lowering the legal barriers between commerce and banking.

ScotRail strike threat

RAIL workers involved in a long-running dispute are to stage fresh strikes. Around 700 train crew members of the Rail. Maritime and Transport union employed by ScotRail will walk out on February Z2 and 24 and on March 8 and 10, threatening disruption to services. The dispute began last year over productivity payments but was fuelled when the company disciplined some union members involved in industrial action. Around 800 non-train crew members of the RMT have voted not to take industrial action.

Siemens optimistic

SIEMENS, the German electronics giant, said that weak semiconductor prices at the end of 1996 caused net income in the first quarter of its fiscal year to fall, but it still sees stable full-year profits. Net income in the final three months of 1996, the first quarter of Siemens' business year, fell 5 per cent, to DM478 million, despite strong growth in orders during the same period. Favourable foreign exchange markets and low German interest rates boosted orders and sales in the first quarter.

AA rejects pilots' offer

AMERICAN Airlines, the US's second-largest carrier and the proposed partner of British Airways in a new global alliance, yesterday dismissed the latest offer from its pilots aimed at averting a strike. Robert Crandall, its chairman, called for binding arbitration. A key issue in the bitter dispute is whether AA can fly the small jets of its regional carrier, American Eagle, with lower-paid pilots belonging to another union, a move opposed by the Allied Pilots Association.

Analysts back Clyde

ANALYSTS at BZW Research and SBC Warburg, the leading securities houses, yesterday advised Clyde Petroleum shareholders to reject the £494 million takeover bid from Gulf Canada Resources. The 120p-a-share offer closes on Tuesday. Both firms backed Clyde because of the strength of its management, its acquisitions record and strong cash generation. Gulf Canada, which owns 29.7 per cent of its target, argues that falling oil prices threaten Clyde's prospects.

BBA buys US air bases

BBA GROUP, the airport management business, has purchased the operations of three service bases in Americator \$18.5 million through its subsidiary Signature Flight Support Corporation. The bases are at Teterboro Airport. New Jersey: White Plains, New York; and West Palm Beach, Florida. The company said last year's sales for the three bases was \$29.3 million. The group now has 41 fixed base operations, including a new Swiss joint venture.

John Morgan, chief executive of Morgan Sindall, the construction company, and Barbara Moorhouse. finance director, after unveiling profits 71 per cent up, at £5.17 million. The firm is turning its focus from office refurbishment towards building contracting to maintain growth rates. A 2.85p final dividend makes 4.2p (2.7p). Tempus, page 30

C&G mortgage lending almost double at £6.7bn

By ROBERT MILLER AND GAVIN LUMSDEN

CHELTENHAM & Glouces- mortgages through TSB's ter, the retail mortgage arm of 1,000 or so branches. Lloyds TSB, yesterday reported a 36 per cent jump in pre-tax profits, to £336 million, and revealed that it could be selling branded home loans through some 3,000 high street branches by the end of

the year. C&G, which also reported a 92 per cent rise in gross mortgage lending to £6.7 bil-lion, has been selling its home oans through some 2,000 branches since it joined the Lloyds Bank group in August

Now that Lloyds has taken over the TSB group, plans are in hand for C&C to sell

£11.2 million, from £43.7 previously. The important cost-toincome ratio rose to 33 per cent, from 32 per cent last time, on the back of higher. Andrew Longhurst, chairman-designate of C&G, whose parent company Lloyds TSB is marketing costs and an ongoexpected to unveil annual profits today in the region of ing investment in staff and £2.5 billion, said: "It is a major project for us and one that we

Meanwhile, Britannia Building Society yesterday said that it would pay £35 hope will be completed by the end of the year. When it happens we will be the thirdmillion in loyalty bonuses to one million members, making, it the first mutual to share out largest mortgage provider be-hind the Halifax and the TUES.

The payment, which excludes around 300,000 "carpetbaggers", gives an average taxable sum of £35, with a maximum set at £500, and will be paid later this month. It

220 units that members have accumulated by borrowing and saving with the society. Calum MacLeod, chair-

is calculated on the amount of

man, said that the bonus was equivalent to the dividend that shareholders could expect from demutualised building societies in the future. The payment and associated

costs reduced operating profits to £72.8 million, down from £118.8 million in 1995. Trevor said that Britannia had incurred £45 million of costs in offering discounted first-time point it had a 30 per cent-

TOURIST RATES

174 per cent last year.

MacLaurin resigns from NatWest

By Sarah Cunningham 'card. Tesco and RBS will

LORD MACLAURIN of Knebworth, the chairman of Tesco, resigned from the board of NatWest yesterday after Tesco confirmed that it is ending its nine-month-old agreement with the bank so that it can join forces with Royal Bank of Scotland.

David Reid, Tesco's deputy chairman, also had to resign from the board of Legal & General because of the supermarket group's move into financial services.

NatWest has been operating

relaunch Clubcard Plus and joint venture will be "broadly equal", Tesco said. The partners will invest up to 120 million each in the first year. Other products, including

of the net mortage lending

market and mortgage assets rose by 10.7 per cent last year.

to £28.4 billion. Provisions for

life insurance and general insurance, offered in conjunction with Scottish Widows and .RBS's Direct Line, will follow. Terry Leahy, chief executive of Tesco, said the venture would be "a truly major force in financial services in the UK".

Tesco's Clubcard Plus debit

Coutts to be part of new NatWest wealth division

By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

NATWEST is to create a with more than £60 billion under management. The division will incorporate highmattle heard names from within the group, such as Coutts and Gartmore.

Derek Wantess, chief executive of the high street clearer, dismissed the suggestion that NatWest Wealth Management, which will embrace NatWest Life and NatWest Ventures, would be for rich customers only. He said: "This

to our customers with just a in unit trusts as to the wealthiest pension fund client with billions under management."
The division will be headed

by Paul Myners, chairman of Gartmore, the pension fund manager NatWest bought last year. Mr Myners will join the board of Coutts. He said: "We want to make it accessible to everyone who is planning for their future, whether it is retirement planning. long-

By Order of the Board

Miss J.E. Munsiff

term healthcare, pensions or general investment. Coutts, which has a reputation as the most pukka of

private banks, has been in the headlines over its handling of the reported decision to waive bank charges worth E500.000 on the Duchess of York's overdraft. This week Courts halted bankruptcy proceed-ings against a mother of three on income support, over debts incurred by her husband from whom she is now separated. City diary, page 31

The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, p.i.c. Final Dividend 1996

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on 18th April, 1997 for the preparation of warrants for a Final dividend for the year 1996 of 22.5p per 25p Ordinary share. If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 14th May. 1997 the dividend will be paid on 21st May, 1997.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar:- Lloyds Bank Registrars, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex PN99 6DA, not later than 3 p.m. on 18th April, 1997.

Share Warrants to Bearer

The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend will be No. 197 which must be deposited at Lloyds Bank Registrar's Department, Issues Section, Ground Floor, P.O Box 1000, Antholin House, 71 Queen Street, London EC4N 1SL (not later than 18th April, 1997 to receive payment on 21st May, 1997) or may be surrendered through Messieurs Lazard Frères et Cie. 121 Boulevard Haussmann, 75382, Paris Cedex 08.

Proposed Capitalisation Issue

Notice is also given that, subject to the necessary resolution being passed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company to be held on Wednesday, 14th May, 1997, there will be a capitalisation issue of Ordinary shares. If the recommendation is approved, two new Ordinary shares will be issued in respect of each Ordinary share held by shareholders on the Register at close of business on 27th June, 1997. The additional shares will carry the same rights as existing Ordinary shares but will not qualify for any dividends declared or paid before the conclusion of the AGM.

Further details and Notice of the AGM will be issued on or about 11th April, 1997. **Share Warrants to Bearer**

The Coupon to be presented will be No. 198 and full instructions to the holders of Share Warrants to Bearer will be published in "The Times" on Monday, 19th May, 1997.

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Co-op chief discounts plan to sell non-food business

GRAHAM MELMOTH, chief executive of Co-operative Wholesale Services, said yestextay that he has no intention of selling chunks of the nonfood business to Andrew Regan, the entrepeneur. Shares in Lanica Trust, Mr

Regan's investment vehicle, were suspended on Monday when it confirmed reports that it was involved in plans to buy parts of the CWS and the smaller Cooperative Retail Society's non-food business.

Mr Melmoth said yesterday that the CWS and CRS were in full agreement on the Lanica Trust approach and he would be happy to talk to Mr Regan,



Melmoth: not selling

holiday, but he does not envisage doing business. He added that he has not replied to the letter sent to CWS and CRS on Monday from Galileo.

cle set up by Lanica to raise up One or two other companies have inquired this week whether CWS would be will-

but they have been told nothing is for sale, he said. Mr Melmoth said that the CWS's huge funeral business, which carried out around 55,000 funerals last year, would be one of the last businesses we'd sell". As the UK's largest commercial farmer, he has no intention of

ing to sell parts of the business

selling that business either. The only non-core businesses are a small engineering operation and a small chain of garages, he said, but they "are

Directors cut Tube projects

DOZENS of investment projects on the London Underground were yesterday dropped by the London Trans-port board, a decision taken because of the £400 million cut in state subsidy announced in the Budget (Jonathan Prynn

Details of the scrapped schemes will be revealed by

Peter Ford, the chairman, and Denis Tunnicliffe, chief executive, when they appear before the Commons Transport Select Committee next week.

LT would not comment on resuits of a board meeting yesterday, but casualties are thought to include the £100 million modernisation of the Northern Line, a £100 million refurbish-

ment of District Line trains and a £5 million modernisation of Oxford Street station. However, money has been found to complete work on the East London Line, shut for almost two years, the longest peace-time closure of a Tube line this century. London business groups and Labour condemned the planned cuts.

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☐ Inching towards facts on windfall tax ☐ Pearson's little accounting problem ☐ OECD's rosy view of France

Brown's hidden hit list

WE are inching closer to some idea of what constitutes Labour's windfall levy - but it is painfully slow progress. The omens for companies themselves, and for investors, are looking better.

First, the amount. Gordon Brown has limited Labour to a sum of £3 billion lifted from the privatised utilities. This is not a binding promise, and there is no guarantee that he as Cherce in the control of the control guarantee that he as Chancellor. or a successor, will not come back for more if the companies survive the experience.

We still do not know how the tax is to be assessed among each, but a £3 billion figure based on turnover of their regulated businesses would not, as this column has pointed out, break the bank for anyone.

We also do not know which companies will attract tax. However, remarks by Mr Brown on BBC Radio 4's Today programme take us a little nearer on the twin provisos that he will be bound by his word and that he knows what he is talking about.

"An ordinary company work-ing within the marketplace that is not regulated on grounds of price does not come within this [tax]," he said. Mr Brown was pressed on whether British Telecom or British Airways would : be levied, but would not say. On this definition, BT is bit and BA escapes entirely. The three power generators, which are not

regulated, escape likewise. Let us draw a discreet veil over the awful possibility that our would-be Chancellor believes

would-be Chancellor believes that BA and the generators do have their prices set by some regulator — Ofwing for BA, perhaps? He then backtracked, setting three criteria for the tax. They were, first, the extent of the monopoly position enjoyed. BA competes with 200 other airlines in this country alone, and the generators are in a market made up of 20 senarate businesses, so up of 20 separate businesses, so no monopoly. BT has about an 85 per cent market share, so some tax levied there.

Second, Mr Brown repeated the point about regulated prices, His third basis for setting a tax was more weasel-worded: the value of the assets at point of sale, that is, at privatisation.

All three of our borderline

cases, unlike poor British Gas, have outperformed the market. But this does not automatically mean that they were sold too cheaply, only that they have performed better in the hands of private shareholders than under State ownership.

It is utterly antithetical to the

principles of enlightened capitalism that New Labour claims to espouse to tax success *pro rata* in this way — those that outperformed being proportionately worse hit than the laggards. In the real world, of course, this is probably what will happen. But with the election so near,

and the amount Labour wants fixed in the public mind, there is no reason now why Mr Brown cannot identify those companies he intends to tax, even if he does not attach an individual tax bill to each. Investors deserve no less. Remember investors, Mr Brown? A bit like stakeholders, only they have been around rather longer.

Cooking the books at Penguin

THIS is a truly weind state of affairs that the new Pearson management has discovered in the United States. It would fit well perhaps within one of those old Penguin crime novels with the green covers, except that there appears to be no motive and perhaps no crime either. Unofficial discounts of 3 to 4



per cent were negotiated with some bookstores by one individual low down in the Penguin US

accounts department. The cash was paid for the books, and the discounts then handed back to the retailers in return for prompt payment. In accounting terms the discounts were treated as if the money was

still owed to Penguin.

Over three years, the discounts paid back reached the best part of the £100 million charge Pearson has taken. The rest will cover reimbursement of any shops not offered the original discount who feel they have been dis-advantaged and sue — this is America, remember — plus law-yers' and accountants' fees. As the money is not really

owed to Penguin, it served to flatter Penguin's profits, which will have to be restated. As it does not represent cash owing, just cash never received, it will come off the balance sheet value, although any future reimburse ments will have to be paid out of Pearson's cash.

It all begs two questions. Why did the individual, who does not seem to have benefited materially, do it? The scam would have had to be uncovered eventually, to the ruin of her career. And did any of the bookshops know that those discounts were tonauthorised?

The matter came to light when some of the shops approached Pumam Berkley, the publisher just bought by Pearson, and asked whether the same discount applied to its books. It was not discovered by the new Pearson management, led by Marjorie Scardino, although they would have found out in the end.

The affair has no implications for any rumoured takeover of Pearson, and little for the share price, which settled down well yesterday after the initial shock. But it does prompt one thought. Only at the Pearson of old could such an elaborate deception have been created without apparently bringing anyone any profit.

Reality deficit

ONE needs several EU surplus mountains of sel to get through the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's views on the French economy. The OECD is notorious for giving countries an easy ride in such reports, that cooperation tending to be with the relevant finance ministry. The result is a snapshot of our neighbour unfamiliar to anyone who has been there recently.

The OECD is also notoriously in favour of European Monetary Union, and willing to bend the facts if this edges the great dream closer to reality. France will doubtless get to the 3 per cent limit in its budget deficit, as the report says — but no criticism of the way it gets there. Nothing about fudging or accounting wheezes, no doubts about the most notorious one - France

Telecom hands the Government a huge one-off payment and in return the state picks up all future pension liabilities.

None of this is news, but it seems to have escaped the OECD, whose optimism on growth is, shall we say, not universally shared among economists. The real shock is the treatment of French unemploy-ment, which merits just eight

lines of the report's assessment

and recommendations. A structural unemployment rate of 10 per cent is described as preoccupying". Not "appalling", not "worrying in its im-plications for social cohesion and political extremism". One has to wonder how the OECD's rosetinted spectacles would have viewed the Weimar Republic. "Artistically lively, but inflation remains a concern", perhaps?

Slow motion

MANY thanks to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for its illuminating Top 200 list of the fastest growing companies in the world. Stratagem, the doors. fridges and computers conglomerate, is Britain's second speediest group, and nineteenth in all, ahead 107 per cent over five years. Alas, the race is not always to the swift. Stratagem's shares have collapsed from 180p to just 70p in the past year.

Shell unveils new chief and record profits

By MARTIN BARROW

ROYAL Dutch Shell, the Airglo-Dutch oil group, yesterday set out senior management changes and pledged to drive down costs further as it unveiled record profits for 1996.

Announcing a 30 per cent rise in annual net income to 15.69 billion, fuelled by higher oil prices and increased output, the company said John Jennings would retire as chairman of Shell Transport & Trading, the British arm, in June. Mark Moody-Stuart, a group managing director, is to succeed him. At Royal Dutch, Jeroen van der Veer has been appointed as a

managing director. The City warmly welcomed a 10.3 per cent increase in the final dividend and an improvement in return on capital to above 13 per cent from 11 per cent a year ago and 10.6 per-cent in 1995. She'll is narrowing the gap with BP's return of 15 per cent, announced this week. in London, Sheil shares rose

27'ap to a 12-month high of £10.89, helped by the company's proposed two-for-one scrip issue and the increased payout. The final dividend rises to 22.5p a share from 20.4p, taking the

total to 63.6p from 47.8p. Shell said earnings from oil and gas, boosted by higher oil prices and increased production, easily outweighed a substantial fall in profits from its

chemicals business in 1996. Net income rose 87 per cent to £1.44 billion in the fourth quarter. On a current cost basis profits rose 23 per cent to £5.3 billion in 1996 and more than doubled to EJ.29 billion in the final quarter.

Exploration and production earnings rose £1.4 billion to £3.25 billion over the year, reflecting higher output of oil and gas and stronger prices. Oil trading at an average \$18.60 a barrel in the first quarter. reached \$23.60 in the final one. Refining and marketing also advanced, to £2 billion cause of inventory gains outside America. But the effect of volume growth was limited by pressure on marketing margins. Earnings from chemicals fell to £762 million from £1.09 billion. Industry margins are expected to remain weak in 1997, the company said.

Shell expects weaker oil prices this year, as non-Opec output rises. Refining margins may also be eroded in the seasonal downturn in demand. Mr Jennings said group capital expenditure was likely reach \$14 billion by 2001. Most of it will fund exploration and production expansion. It was \$12.5 billion last year.

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Noble quits **British Biotech post**

JAMES NOBLE, the man who was instrumental in turning British Biotech into the leading biopharmaceuticals company, resigned as finance director yesterday and is expected to take another job in the industry.

His departure came as little surprise. Keith McCullagh, chief executive of British Biotech, said that Mr Noble's primary interest was raising money to fund the research and development operations, an effort that had been largely completed. "James raised £300 million in capital for us. It is fair to say that he didn't relish the idea of spending the next five years putting in all the nuts and bolts to turn us into a commercial company. Mr Noble could not be reached for comment. He has been approached by other been approached by other pharmaceuticals companies but has not accepted a job. Colleagues at British Biotech said that he is building a new

house in Oxford. British Biotech is conducting an outside search for a new finance director with expertise in ongoing commercial opera-tions instead of financing, for now, Mr Noble's job will be shared by Dr McCullagh and Anthony Weir, who was ap-pointed financial director of British Pharmaceuticals, the group's operating subsidiary.

Toad made inventor redundant

THE Cambridge graduate whose inventions led to the creation of Toad, the car security company, was made redundant three days before the sudden departure of appointed chief executive.

Edward Snow, 26, whose dashboard spy camera was the first of Toad's car security products, sold a significant part of his holding in the company just days before Mr Parker's resignation sent its shares plunging by 40 per cent. Chris Evans, the biotech entrepreneur who took Toad

to market, played down the departure. He said that although Mr Snow had been a key figure in the early days, position - head of new product research - had diminished as the company evolved. He said: "When Toad only employed six neople, he was very important. But the company now employs over 100, and he had naturally became more of a middle manager.'

Mr Evans said that Mr Snow had sold the shares to fund an MBA course in France. Mr Snow is understood to have arranged the disposal, which raised around £35,000, three weeks before Mr Parker's resignation.

Toad now makes most of its money from Secur-Fix film

Ernst & Young re-invents the audit.

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ACCOUNTANCY

Im Kelly investigates work towards offering more than the no-frills 'plain vanilla' audit

A modern crusade

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"We want to sudit the mens - not just the finalcials," says Nick Land, the firm's UK senior partner. Most of the Hig Six firms are trying to reinvent, or at least modernies, the mult- RPMG. for example, is close to moveling its version — Audit

2000 - in the UK.

Ray's candidate - Audit impovetion or AI - seeks to expand the restricted and cautious financial assurance provided by the modern statntory audit - which has changed little in decous with a much wider assur-ance on business risks and a

needs reinventing. To many liave gathered and checked companies it seems an irrele to analyse the client's busvance, required by statute, but wanted by few. This is financial risks which the partly because directors, in business faces exposed. The no-frills "plain vaniils" audit merely estistics the governauditor. It is hardly surpris-

ing that directors see little value in a product designed to monitor their performance and integrity. If they a waste of money. If they are dishonest they will not want to pay for a good one.

Against this background it is learnly surprising that has for audits have come moley tremendous downward presre. Competitive tendering has become a mechanism for and the resulting inves

penning face. However, firms have little choice but to continue to compete for the business because of the unique platform it provides accountants now for the selling of other, more Incrative, services to andit businesses really clients. The work has one other important advantage. Work - giving theses really work - giv- them a priceless ing them a priceless glimpse into the heart of a working glimpse into

the problem has been that the heart while the audit teem may leave the premises with a Of a Working unique insight into a client's stream of ideas on how to business, the clients do not COMPANY improve commercial perior always get to share it. Not marion. There is no doubt audit to me the information they

The result is that directors have long pestered auditors for some evidence of value they can add to the business from the audit process paying for it at all. This pressure has been immensely increased by a perception that multis do not work. The string of audit failures of the late 1980s and early 1990s,

non-executive directors, now have good reason to seek a while memoranes and objective they help run. The increasing tendency for directors to and up in court when companies fail has also concen-trated minds. Sharsholders also want assurance on a from internal controls to environmental performance. E&Y believe's Al is the enswer. It had better be: the

firm has invested \$50m. worldwide - and up to a furinto rolling it out Land thinks it is the right thing for the firm worldwide - but "manns from heaven" for the UK firm in particular. This is for two main resemble. First, he is trying to place end of the accountancy ser vices spectrum. Second, it has made to the way E&Y's easier by the messy trauma of the firm's birth - from the

merger of Arthur Young and Ernst & Whinney in 1989. "I

tirink the merger was a bit of a catalyst," admits Lend.

expectation gap". Directors, and especially

management structure of the partner in charge at the top - by a team with "roles not s". It includes a relationship manager, know-ledge steward, financial specialist, and so on. Perhaps only half the team will be accountants. The key relationship manager doe tionship manager does not have to be an auditor. Like mel and mostully. If it fails it will be seen on unstructured and woolly.

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Al seeks to deliver not only an audit opinion required by statute - but wider assurance on general risks and suggestions on curbing them, insights into how the business is running, and a raft of ideas for

ech Al contract is defined by a "service charter" which analyses strengths. wealthesse, opportunities, and threats. E&Y then moderable to deliver leports and solutions using a com-puter "knowledge web" and the latest business process

parts of the fee. Al is now beyond the

drawing board. The key principles will underpin the 600 clients reporting in late 1996 and sarly 1997. Almost all the firm's 2,200 andit staff have now been trained. John who has actually been running Al, says it has both impressed customers. "There will be only one methodology," he says: "Although we can deliver "plain vanilla" if the client whom:

auditing may have lost its and time needs to be invested in reinventing a rewere and methodology will be easy to replicate - the change in the way people work will be much burder to copy. Al certainly sounds there will have to be strict are candid about the business solutions they have

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Smith & Nephew revives on renewed takeover talk

MICHAEL CLARK

HAVING traded just a shade above their low for some time, shares of Smith & Newphew bounced back yesterday, reviving suggestions that a bidder may be stalking the

The Elastoplast to Nivea healthcare group finished the session 9p better at 188p in heavy turnover that saw alchange hands. Talk by City speculators in the past has linked the group with Johnson & Johnson in the US. The nappies supplier might be one of the few companies with the financial resources to be able to afford S&N's E2 billion-plus

price tag.

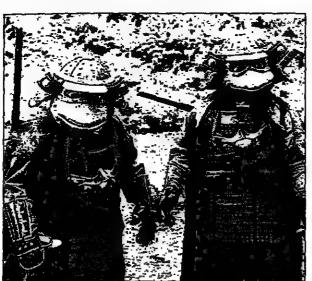
Big things are expected of S&N, with the group launching Dermagraft, its biologically-engineered skin replacement treatment, later this year. Brokers say it should be a real money spinner.

Share prices generally took their lead from another record-breaking run by the Dow Jones industrial average overnight on Wall Street. It managed to offset news of the latest rise in inflation, while another positive start in New York last night provided fur-ther impetus. The FT-SE 100 index closed just a shade below its best with a rise of 22.8 at a new closing high of 4.327.I. A total of 937 million

The City gave a warm response to full-year ligures from Shell with profits surging 60 per cent in the final quarter. The group showed it had made strides in controlling costs, but warned of a softening in the strong oil price once deliveries from Iraq are resumed. The shares jumped 30p to £10.9112 excited by news of a two-for-one scrip issue. BP, which reported earlier this week, finished op lighter at 694p.

Racal Electronics finished 1312p higher at Z7612p with the speculators taking the view chairman, is prepared to acbe willing to do so for Racal. The Racal price was also supported by a brokers' recommendation after a visit to

Chubb Security, the locksmith demerged from Racal Electronics a few years back, surged 79p to 420p on news of terms for an agreed bid of up to 450p a share. Potential



Copyright Promotions, up 1012p, has a deal with Playmates, the people who brought you Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

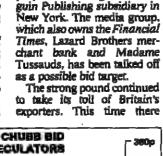
predators were said to include Williams Holdings, 312p firmer at 338p, and Rentokil ¹20 off at 488p. Rentokil later denied any involvement. Bids from as far afield as Sweden and Australia are anticipated. Another candidate is said to be Ingersoll Rand, the US indus-

Royal Bank of Scotland

The bears are keeping their positions open in Reuters, the financial news service, after a warning from the company about future earnings growth. The price finished another 4p cheaper at 646 ap amid fears it may have further to fall. There is even talk it may use its cash mountain on a major acquisition.

rose 912p to 629p after announcing its link-up with Tesco, 612p better at 34412p, to develop its own retail banking service in its stores.

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igns of slowing with a rise of a further 7p to 23812p. Shield Diagnostics contined to build on its recent gains with a leap of 4512p at 37012p as brokers again reflected on the potential for its new treatment to diagnose heart attacks earlier.

Willis Corroon received a lukewarm reception to fullyear figures showing a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to E89.1 million with the price falling 612p to 133p. The insurance broker remained cautious about current

Copyright Promotions stood out with a rise of 1012p at 91p after clinching a major deal with Playmates Toys to market the Mr Men toy brand in the US. Playmates was also responsible for the Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles theme which was all the rage with children a few years back.

GILT-EDGED: The latest

inflation numbers did not sit well with bond market and prices gave up ground. underperforming other Euro-pean bond markets. The rise to 3.1 per cent in underlying inflation during January left dealers disappointed. They had been hoping for a fall below 3 per cent.

in the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt fell £316 to £1103516 as the total number of contracts completed dropped to 75,000.

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NEW YORK: Bonds and equities were higher by through to Wednesday's pow erful and broad-based rally. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 28.87 points higher at 6.990.50.

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Allies sought in pump wars

LOOKING at the paltry returns from refining oil and selling petrol, it is easy to wonder in a bad year why giants of the industry such as Shell and BP bother? The capital employed in these activities would sometimes earn a better return in the bank.

It is, of course, inconceivable that Royal Dutch/Shell, the world's second-largest oil company would sit back and do nothing. The message from both sides of the North Sea yesterday seemed to be: if you can't beat them, join them. In London, Shell let slip that it was in talks

with one or two British supermarket groups over joining forces in an effort to fight the war raging on petrol forecourts up and down the country. Rival BP, it should be noted, has already joined up with Safeway, and in The Netherlands Shell has struck a deal with Koninklijke Ahold, the country's largest retailer, to have food shops at Shell petrol stations. Over in The Hague, Royal Dutch said it

was considering tearning up with another large oil company in Europe in an effort to boost the margins on refining oil. The group has already shut a refinery in Switzerland and cut capacity at one in the South of France. Shell said that both refining and petrol margins were better in 1996 than in 1995 but were still not satisfactory.

Overall the picture at Shell looks bright. But like BP, Shell is wary of the impact of renewed Iragi oil exports on the oil price later this year. The two-for-one scrip issue and dividend increase helped outshine any doubts on yesterday's fourth-quarter profits and the mixed outlook for 1997.

Chubb

IT IS hardly a smash-and-grab raid, but Chubb, the locksmith, should provide some further clues to its future this morning with the market braced for details of an agreed bid. The company teased the market yesterday with a statement that it is involved in talks that may lead to an offer of up to 450) a share. The market clearly expects an offer slightly above 420p after pushing Chubb shares 20 per cent

higher yesterday. Chubb has left itself vulnerable to a bid after two years of sluggish growth. The company has failed to realise the expectations ceted its arrival as pendent company erger from Racal in recent attempt to the company an acquisition spree

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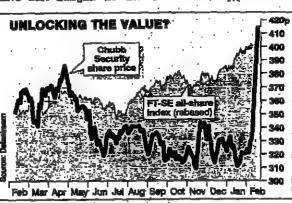
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Australia was seen as too much for a business barely

traditional physical security market. The consensus was that Chubb would not show real growth for at least

But Chubb has a strong brand name and the security market is set to continue to grow over the coming years. In a safer pair of hands the company may well fulfil some of its early promise.



Philips

PHILIPS is in a curious situation after the publication of results yesterday. The markets have been surprisingly positive given the huge losses, while Moody's, the ratings agency, has warned customers of a potential

downgrade in Philips status. Such diverging views about the future of the group seem illogical to say the least However, the threat of a break-up of the electronics giant could explain the separates threads that the mar-kets are following.

If Cor Boostra, the new chief executive, decided to dismantle the slow-moving charge of, then the different analyses make sense. Share prices are expected to go up after a demerger, while the debt, or parts of it, will

become less valuable. In the meantime an actual downgrade from Moody's would be a real blow. The agency said that it will exam-

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achieve cashflow generation from key business units and from asset sales, which could be used to pay the restructur-ing costs. The Grundig partnership in Germany poses a problem that is not yet fully

ine the potential for Philips to

If Mr Boostra is thinking about a demerger, he should make a decision quickly and pre-empt Moody's.

Morgan Sindall

another set of strong results, it is easing away from the refurbishment sector that has served it so well. It is now trying to sprinkle the same magic on its building contracting

The task will be much harder. The group still generates 60 per cent of its business in London and its growth so far has been led by demand in the capital for office returbishment.

It claims that its strategy people power — holds good for both areas. It is aiming for repeat business, and to win the right staff it runs an aggressive recruitment It will then snap up ailing

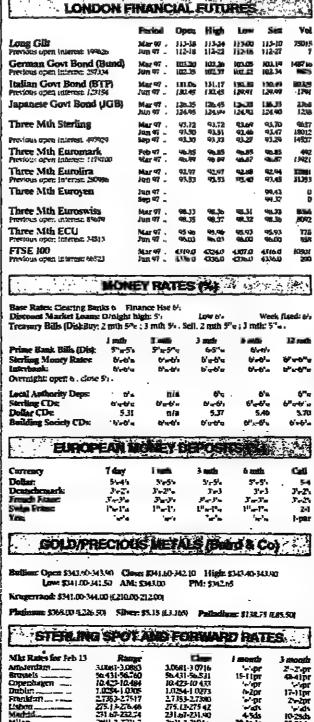
family companies, and resuscitate them with its own staff. Business will come through the regions, and in the form of lots of small contracts.

With the building industry still getting over its hard times, there should be plenty MORGAN SINDALL the to choose from and building group, is on the underperforming businesses move. After producing are not normally expensive. Morgan has a strong balance sheet and cash of 19 million.

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Generating a good press

THE decision by British Energy to sponsor the Cub Scouts PR badge has brought happy memories flooding back to its chief executive. Robert Hawley tells me that he was a King's Scout and troop leader with the Wallasey pack in Merseyside.

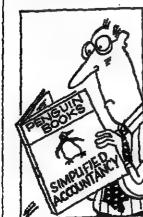
The privatised nuclear power company is splashing out £12,000 a year to have its logo on the scouting badge for public relations proficiency. To launch the sponsorship deal, British Energy is hosting a PR workshop for about 100 scouts at Heysham nuclear power station in Lancashire. To earn the badge, scouts have to place a story in their local paper, deliver a fiveminute talk on scouting, and organise a promotion al event. They also have to produce a newsletter, and arrange a visit to a local newspaper or TV station, No bob-a-job.

A TELL-TALE name raised a titter at the Securities and Futures Authority after a former senior trader with Henry Ansbacher was expelled by the City watchdog for matters surrounding the improper transfer of \$70,000 to his associate's account in Zimbabwe ... one David Crook

Write lines

THERE'S hope for us all. Paul Myners, 49, the highly rated chairman of Gartmore, is to head the the non-executive director of Orange embarked on his heady career in the pare Mile with Roth schild, the distinguished former Powergen and Inno director was a City iournalist. Where next! NatWest board, perhaps?

PENGUIN may wish to inspect its bookshelves more closely in the future. News of the publishing company's bumper charge for improper accounting brings to mind a learned guide on the subject. Insight Into Management Accounting, by John Sizer. priced at £9.99 and published by Penguin.



That's business

A VALENTINE'S gift gone awry for Tim Melville-Ross. The director-general of the Institute of Directors will today be told that Livingstone Guarantee intends to sever its links. After two years, the independent corporate finance house for unquoted companies is instead joining forces with maga zine Real Business. Due out in March, the magazine is published by Caspian, whose chief executive Mike Bokaic was the runaway marketing director from the IOD.

CITY smoothers will tonight be heading for Bleeding Heart Yard. The subterranean watering hole in Greville Street has been hailed the City's most romantic restau-rant. Richard Hardern. an ex-barrister and for mer Samuel Montagu cor porate financier, and his younger brother Peter, an ex-junk bond analyst for Saudi International Bank in New York, plump for the low-lit lovery in this year's edition of London Harden's Restaurants.



Bank's record demonstrates no need for independence

THE BANK'S VIEW ON INFLATION

RPI EXCLUDING MORTGAGE INTEREST

(Annual per cent change)

The Old Lady has done well in maintaining

the value of sterling in the long term

ity the poor Old Lady of Threadneedle Street. The Bank of England has come in for a lot of abuse lately. It has misunderstood the currency markets. And - most heinous sin of all in the eyes of the British establishment -- it has been publicly defeated in its tug of war with the Chancellor over interest rates. All these humiliations seem to have polarised informed opinion about the central bank.

A small but growing camp is inclined to regard the Bank as an ineffectual institution which has lost touch with economic and political reality and can safely be ignored. Although this view is only held by a small minority it may be gaining ground in the Labour Party, whose official policy is to "examine the Bank's record" in making its policy

judgments, with a view to proposing sweeping reforms of the way it is run. A more vocal majority takes exactly the opposite view, saying that the Bank's persistent failure to impose its will on the Chancellor is irrefutable proof that it needs to be given more power. This camp wants the the Bank to be given complete independence from the Government and from Parliament - a demand that is usually combined with the earliest possible membership of the European Monetary Union, which

would cure Britain of its

chronic monetary incompe-

tence once and for all. But before everybody gets too excited about the inherent instability in the present system for conducting monetary policy in Britain, two points should be borne in mind. The first is simply that the present disagreement between the Bank and the Chancelior is piffling. The difference between them on the right level of interest rates amounts to just one quarter of a percentage point. The second caveat is less familiar but more important: Britain's long-term record in the conduct of an independent monetary policy is by no means bad. In writing

that sentence I know from

THE MARKET'S VIEW ON INTEREST RATES 1997 land can boast a record of I asked the audience to vote on mark, the French franc and the following question: has long-term financial stability

robbed by inflation in the 1970s are remarkably unforgiving to anyone who suggests their misfortune was just an historical aberration, rather than a symptom of original sin. Nevertheless I shall brave the flood of irate letters to point out some facts.

Not only is the Bank of England the oldest continuous issuer of currency in the world. It is also the most successful. The purchasing power of the pound today is only 7 per cent of what it was in 1950, which means that Britain has suffered mon from inflation in the second half of this century than most leading economies. But a longer perspective shows that the British authorities have actu-

ally done an outstanding job. In the 97 years since 1900 the pound has fallen to roughly 5 per cent of its initial value. That may seem a horrendous loss, but it is not nearly as bad as it seems when considered in the appropriate perspective. The average annual inflation of 4.7 per cent which, through the magic of compound interest, produces this dreadful result was actually rather low by international standards. Indeed, during the same century when the purchasing power of the pound depreciatthe yen were all reduced to less than 0.1 per cent of their intial value. This means that Britain's record of long-term price stability has been 50 times better than these countries'. More significant from a practical standpoint is the fact that money invested in the government securities sold 100 years ago by the Bank of England would today be worth more,

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chasing power of the pound. Over the eight years from 1988 to 1996 (a period which

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Before I am accused of

indulging in absurd anachro-nisms which have no possible

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let me turn to some more up-

to-date statistics on both the

internal and the external pur-

Equity study published annually by BZW, the London-based merchant bank, shows that gilt-edged securities produced a positive real return of 1.9 per cent annually in the 76 years from 1919 to 1995. This means that £1,000 invested in gilts in 1919 would be worth about £200,000 today - four times the investment's original value after allowing for inflation. In the same period German, Japanese and French families would have lost all

able from the 2.97 per cent in Germany and lower than the 3.3 per cent recorded in the US. Among the G7 countries, recently done better than Britain in controlling domestic inflation - and both of these countries have arguably gone too far with their antiinflatonary policies, precipitat-

ing serious deflationary crises. Now consider the international value of the pound. Addressing a seminar of cor-

been a relatively weak currency, against fewer than five who relatively strong. Needless to say this was a trick question. Since January 2, 1977, the pound has fallen substantially against the yen and the mark and depreciated about 2 per cent) against the dollar. It has risen slightly against the franc and signifi-cantly against the lira and the

sterling been stronger or

weaker than most other G7

currencies over the past 20

years? The show of hands was

predictable: about 70 people

thought that the pound had

Canadian dollar. On balance, therefore, the pound has been neither strong nor weak in the past two decades, but exactly in the middle of the seven main trading currencies. Looking ahead, the picture for Britain is equally reassuron the inflation front. For

all the controversy about the Chancellor's refusal to raise interest rates, the Bank's own forecasts for inflation suggest that there is absolutely no cause for alarm. As the top chart shows, the Bank actually believes that there is a better than 50 per cent chance of per cent target during the next

1998 that the Bank fears an acceleration -- and this could easily be prevented by a modest tightening of either monetary or fiscal policy later this year. This fairly benign outlook is also what the imancial markets now expect, as shown in the bottom charts also drawn from this week's Inflation Report). The leftkets now expect only a halfpoint increase in interest rates, to between 6.5 and 6.75 per cent, after the election. The right-hand chart shows that markets see no substantial difference between monetary conditions in Britain and Germany in the long-term. The Bank's analysis of market bond yields shows that British rates are expected to stay in a range of 6.75 to 7.5 per cent over the next ten years, while German rates rise steadily towards the British level. This suggests that interest rates in Germany are substantially lower today than they are in Britain largely because of the different cyclical positions of

Germany than it is here. Looking at the pound's performance in the currency markets confirms the same impression. Last year the pound was the world's strongest leading currency. The future is, of course, unpredictable. I personally expect it to weaken in the year or two ahead against the US and Canadian dollars, but to hold its own or even strengthen a little against the mark, lira. franc and yen. Such hunches may not be worth the paper they are printed on; what matters is that no one in the currency markets any longer dismisses the possibility of a

the two economies and not

expected to be lower in

fundamentally strong pound. None of the above means that Britain's methods of monetary management are beyond improvement. Much could be done both to make the Bank of England more accountable and to expand its present ridiculously narrow remit, which requires it to focus on inflation and nothing else.

Such incremental reforms would certainly be desirable, but it is simply nonsense to suggest that Britain can only maintain stable prices by compromising the democratic control of economic policy — or by giving up its national sover-eignty. There is a perfectly reasonable alternative to EMU and central bank independence: to leave well alone.

Bonuses not iustified From Mr D. R. McCormick

nior management of Scot-tish Amicable proposed bonus payments to themselves of up to £4 million from an ill-considered de-mutualisation plan.

The beneficiaries of this largesse identified themselves and no doubl agreed the ratio in which the money would be

shared between them. The only justification for such payments would be that the recipients had ing additional value to the funds of the with profits shareholders who are the owners of the business.

But these are the same people who destroyed much value in the with profits funds.

They were happy to take had pension business policyholder who was giving up the employer's contribution and taking on the higher costs of a personal pension would retire with lower benefits. The substantial costs of identifying these cases and making restitution to the victims is met by the with profits policyholders.

Equity requires that the total of these costs be charged against any termination payment or bonus which might otherwise have been paid to them in the ratios which they themselves have set.

Yours faithfully DONALD MCCORMICK 30 Kirk Brae. Kincardine on Forth. Clackmannanshire

Monetary union ends rate choice

From Mr James Hartley

Sh. It is extraordinary how, on the one hand, we hear Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, advocating the case for joining the European single currency, and, on the other, in his periodic meetings with the Goverror of the Bank of England, he refuses hikes

in bank base rate. Does the Chancellor not realise that in the event of UK membership of the single currency, he or his successors would be told what bank rate will prevail by the European Central Bank, thereby denying any regulation of the UK economy by changing UK bank rate? Yours sincerely

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hitter experience that I am exposing myself to a torrent of porate treasurers and money their savings many times over. Only America and Switzerabuse. Readers who were ed to 5 per cent, the German market dealers a few days ago,

Paul Durman on how optician hopes to make us see sense

D&A's eye-catching campaign

had a problem. The trouble with being Britain's biggest optician is that no one really likes to wear-

The point is most graphically made by an estimate that there are up to five million drivers on Britain's roads who need glasses but who choose not to wear them. The same message emerged from D&A's own research. Even many people with recause of a lack of confidence in their appearance.
Alisdair Luxmoore, D&A's

marketing director, said: Wearing spectacles is perceived as negative by almost everyone. Women fear an utter loss of feminity - there really was this perception that they weren't going to get passes when they were wearing glasses. Whereas for men. it was a case of 'rugby players don't wear glasses' - a sign of weakness, a physical interpre-tation of it."

Italians are not so selfconscious. D&A's sister company in Italy is able to sell "clear glass" spectacles to cus-tomers with good eyesight who like to wear them as a fashion accessory. In Germany, too, some people will change their glasses like they change their ties.

This insight was the catalyst for D&A to make important changes to the way it sells glasses. The overhaul includes a new corporate identity and slogan, changes to the appearance and layout of the compa-



Star treatment: Burt Reynolds in Dolland & Aitchison's new television advert

million television advertising campaign starring Burt Reyn-

olds, starting on Sunday. In part, this is a belated response to the threat posed by SpecSavers, competitors that promise customers cheap prices and a one-hour fitting. D&A and its staff claim it offers a better-quality service. and the new approach and advertising will attempt to make the most of this.

The campaign, developed by Lowe Howard-Spink, uses the slogan: "Where everyone Refs star treatment," As some-

ny's 440 branches and a 52 one who has recently begun wearing glasses, Burt Reyn-olds, with his reputation for poke fun at himself, was seen

D&A, or rather Vantios, its parent company, is also working towards a stock market flotation, though probably not before next year. The company was bought out of Gallaher, the Benson & Hedges cigarettes manufacturer, in a £94 million deal backed by CVC Capital Partners in July 1994. Mair Barnes, the former

managing director of Wool-worths who was Business-

woman of the Year in 1989. was brought in 18 months ago as executive chairman to beef recruited Russell Hardy from Safeways to be managing joined from Vauxhall.

D&A is aiming to make the process of buying glasses easier and more enjoyable, and to give customers a better chance of choosing the "right" pair for them. Just as with clothes. there are basic rules that can help customers to select glasses that will look good on them.

Since a pilot programme last July, D&A has retrained all staff in understanding the four key issues: facial shape, depth (the distance from eyebrows to nostrils), skin and hair tone, and personality or image.

This "Styleyes" programme is being backed up with computer with camera that allows the customer to compare his or her appearance wearing different pairs of spectacles. Computereyes, so far introduced to 70 branches, images side by side, and allows the salesperson to show the effect of different frame and lens types.

Mr Luxmoore said Styleyes has already brought big bene-fits in terms of customer satisfaction ratings. Although he is cagey on figures, there is also some evidence that it is persuading customers to spend

slightly more on their glasses. branches in D&A's new corporate colours of blue and caramel also acknowledges stead of centrally located desks, customers will in future be able to talk to their optician in small booths to one side of

D&A has so far converted only three of its existing stores. The cost involved means that D&A is unlikely to be able to complete the conversion programme before Vantios comes

to market.



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Corroon doubts value of merging

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WILLIS CORROON said yesterday it "remained sceptical" about the benefits of a merger with one of the big six insurance brokers, as it unveiled fuilyear results.

The City has speculated that Willis might link up with Sedgwick, following a rival broker, that it was merging its operations with Alexander & Alexander. Max Taylor, group executive director, said: "We still remain sceptical about the benefits of scale for the sake of it."

Willis reported a 13 per cent rise in profit to £89.1 million before exceptional items and tax for the year to December 31 at actual exchange rates. This included a £3.1 million loss from movements in ex-

John Reeve, executive chairman, warned that there were "continuing. frequently severe, falls in premium rates for most classes of risk."

He added that competition in the US retail market was intensifying. UK insurance broking has been suffering from the effects of a mature and intensely competitive broking worldwide.

Willis's results included El4.5 million of profit commission from the group's Lloyd's members' agency, offset by a £6.3 million contribution towards Lloyd's Reconstruction and Renewal plan.

Profits on disposals of £2.5 million took the total pre-tax profit to £91.6 million. Earnings per share rose from 7p to 13p but the dividend per share has been maintained at 6.6p. Mr Taylor said the dividend would not necessarily remain unchanged for the year.

The results also include redundancy costs of £11.3 million. Staff numbers the past year.



Sid Taylor, left, and Malcolm Jones, chief executive, celebrate a £2 million profit by Bensons Crisps, seeking growth in snacks

Philips profits eroded by restructuring costs

controlled.

PHILIPS, the Dutch electronics group, suffered a severe decline in annual pre-tax profits, which fell to £200 million from E900 million affected by problems in all of its divisions,

it was announced yesterday. Philips said that the drop was primarily because of a one-off charge of £600 million - compared to £60 million last year - relating to Grundig, its German partner, and other restruc-

SHARES of French Connec-

tion, the fashion group, rose 15

per cent yesterday after it

reported booming second-half trading and predicted that its

full-year profits will be much

higher than expected (Sarah

The company said that im-

Cunningham writes

collapse of the semiconductor There was a fourth quarter

loss of £310 million, compared to last year's profit of £220 The share price in Amsterdam was not affected by the

French Connection sales leap

had accelerated in the last six

months of the year to January

31. Pre-tax profit for the year.

due to be announced in April,

would be around £6 million.

the company said. El million

were up 32 per cent with both

Total retail sales in the

above City predictions.

results, which had been ex-pected after the reporting of increasing losses during 1996. Philips said that based on the current economic outlook, it is confident that its ongoing

According to Mr Boonstra the group will weed out undergrow, but investments in fixed assets will be tightly performers and make its units more accountable to the head Speculation about a pos-

sible splitting up of the group was denied by Cor Boostra, He denied that the relationship with PolyGram, the 75-per-cent-owned music and film company, was under review. He also reaffirmed the president. He said that Philips was pursuing its previously announced strategy of evaluating its units and preparing budgets for its busi-nesses. Mr Boonstra added: Philips' commitment to its troubled Sound and Vision "We're exactly in line with what we stated. We stick to our unit, which produces tele-visions and audio equipment.

Analysts have speculated that Mr Boonstra might be tempted to fulfil his target of maximising value to Philips shareholders by splitting up the company.

De La Rue, the UK bank

note printers, is to buy Philips' Smart Cards & Systems (PSCS). It said in a statement that its subsidiary, De La Rue Technology, and PSCS, which is located in France, have been working together in the UK since June 1993.

PSCS is a leading supplier

of smart cards to a variety of sectors. It employs around 300

De La Rue said: "Industry predictions show the smart card industry achieving rapid growth over the next five years as the agreement of international standards in all sectors supports volume roll-out of smart cards, and the associat-

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BT's French ally clinches telecom deal

Bensons

Crisps out

of the red

BENSONS CRISPS, the crisp and snacks company. has returned to profit after

spending two years in the red Sarah Cunningham writes). In the year to November 30

pre-tax profits were £2.03 mil-

ion, against a loss of £750,000

a year earlier. The recovery

was partly because of the re-

launch of Bensons branded

crisps, with a new design,

higher-quality packaging and better potatoes, which lifted

the range's sales volumes by

The company's share of the

risp market has remained

steady, at 6.5 per cent. Sid Taylor, chairman, said

that Bensons plans to increase

its 4.5 per cent market share in

snacks and last month fitted processing line for tortillas.

Earnings were 4p a share (lp loss). A 0.75p final divi-

dend, due on April 23, makes lp. No dividend was paid last

64 per cent to 16 per cent. The

shares rose 5p to 4012p.

ear. Gearing has eased from

20 per cent in the year.

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

BT is in a strong position to attack the lucrative French telecommunications market after an alliance between its partner, Cegetel, and the country's railways, analysts said

yesterday.
Cegetel, a subsidiary of
Compagnie Général des Eaux
(CGE), the public utilities to media group, will be able to exploit almost 9,000km of fibre optic cables alongside the railway network. The agreement will make Cegetel, in which BT has a 25 per cent stake, a credible challenger to France Telecom in the deregulated European telecommuni-

cations market next year. CGE and Bouygues, its French rival, had been engaged in a fierce battle for the right to use cables laid by SNCF railways, with experts warning that the loser would lack the infrastructure to compete with the state-owned France Telecom, Although France Telecom is certain to domir Fri00 billion market, rivals say that they can exploit its

commercial failings. Jean-Marie Messier, chair-man of CGE, believes its turnover will rise from Fr4 billion in 1995 to Fr40 billion in 2003. Analysts said that the deal with SNCF made his prediction realistic. A spokesman for SNCF made clear that BT's presence alongside CGE was a key factor: "BT is a of commercial know-how ... " he said.

American General to acquire USLife

AMERICAN General Corp is to acquire USLife Corp, a rival financial services company with major life insurance operations, for \$1.8 billion in shares. The acquisition comes amid consolidation in the American life insurance industry and follows weeks of speculation that USLife might be a takeover candidate. American General said that it will pay \$49 worth of its own common stock for each USLife share. American General is a diversified financial services company that provides retirement services, consumer loans and life insurance to nine million customers. It had 1996 sales of \$10.9 billion, and has about 15,300 employees. USLife, also a holding company, has operations in life and health insurance and other financial services. Its 1996 sales were \$1.6 billion. and it has about 2,140 employees.

BAA traffic up 5.2%

BAA reported that traffic at its seven UK airports increased 5.2 per cent in January, handling a total of 6.7 million passengers. The increase would have been 6 per cent but for fog disruption at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, which reduced the number of passengers by about 30,000. Flights using BAA airports also increased, with total air movements up 4.2 per cent, at 77.395 landings and take-offs. Cargo tonnage was up 7.6 per cent, at 112,000 tonnes.

Guernsey growth

THE POST OFFICE, British Energy, National Express Group and the Britannia Building Society were among 40 organisations to establish captive insurance companies in Guernsey last year. With 12 companies surrendering licences, the net increase was 28, taking the total of offshore insurance registrations in Guernsey to 335. Steve Butterworth, Superintendent of Insurance, said that surrenders were mainly because of mergers and acquisitions.

Tamaris raises £7.45m

TAMARIS GROUP, the operator of nursing homes, is raising £7.45 million through the sale and leaseback of three homes to IHP, a subsidiary of the United Bank of Kuwait's Healthcare Fund based in Guernsey. The three homes, with a total of 219 registered beds, are currently held by Tamaris at an aggregate freehold value of £6.44 million, and the transaction, which requires shareholder approval, will give rise to a profit of £1 million before expenses.

TeleWest post settled

STEPHEN DAYIDSON was finally confirmed yesterday as chief executive of TeleWest Communications, the largest cable company. He had been in an acting role since August and had expected to be confirmed in the post last November. TeleWest also confirmed the appointment of Charles Burdick, who has been acting chief financial officer. Mr Davidson is expected to consolidate TeleWest's position with the acquisition of one or more of the smaller cable operators.

Glen Electric expands

GLEN ELECTRIC, a subsidiary of Glen Dimplex, the privately owned Irish electrical heating appliance manufacturer, is to invest £5 million in its Newry plant in Northern Ireland. The investment, assisted by the Industrial Development Board, will create a further 100 jobs at the plant, which already employs . Gien Lymp above Ir £500 million, also announced the purchase of a 49 per cent stake in Muller, its French equivalent.

EU jobless total dips

UNEMPLOYMENT in the European Union eased to an average IO.8 per cent in December from IO.9 per cent in the previous month. Those out of work fell to I8.1 million from I8.2 million. The principal reason was a drop in the unemployment rate in Britain to 7.5 per cent from 7.8 per cent, according to Eurostat, the EU statistics agency. Luxembourg had the EU's lowest unemployment at 3.5 per cent and Spain continued to have the highest at 22.2 per cent.

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cent sales growth.

Farhi stores delivering 20 per

said the company wants to

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French Connection shares

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QUEEN'S ANNIVERSARY PRIZES

John O'Leary introduces a four-page report on the initiatives in higher education which yesterday were rewarded by the Queen

A chance for recognition

here is not much good news in higher education at the moment.
The long-awaited revival of expansion is in doubt, funding levels are expected to decline further whoever wins the election, and universities are having to withstand criticism over standards.

Yesterday, however, there was an opportunity to celebrate some undoubted successes with the second round of Queen's Anniversary Prizes. Conceived as higher education's equivalent of the Queen's Award for Industry and launched two years ago, the scheme offers high-profile recognition for some of the most innovative and worth-while ventures in universities and colleges.

Sir Stewart Sutherland, Principal of Edinburgh University, one of the winners, said: "I and, I suspect, all my fellow Vice-Chancellors and Principals place a very high value on a Queen's Prize. For us, it represents both a welcome external acknowledgement of particular achievement and an opportunity to draw that achievement to the attention of the widest audience."

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Each institution was limited to one entry, which had to demonstrate "world-class success". The 120 projects were declared by the judges to be of

Awards for some of the best ideas in universities

and colleges

higher quality than many they saw two years earlier. Ken Robbie, director of the Queen's Anniversary Prizes Office, said: "The first round was pretly good, but institutions seemed to take particular care with their choice of entry this time and to take greater pains with their presentation."

The winning entries went through a rigorous selection process before specialists whitted down the field to a final shortlist. The awards council, chaired by Lord Younger of Prestwick, the former Cabinet minister, settled for 23 winners — two more than in 1994.

two more than in 1994. Three were second-time winners: Oxford University for work in molecular medicine, Queen's University Belfast for environmental research and training, and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology for technological and scientific partnerships with Japan.

But the successful entries did not all come from such famous sears of learning. Greenhead Sixth Form College, in Huddersfield, for example, won recognition for a monitoring system which has seen a dramatic improvement in students' examination performance. Dr Kevin Conway, the Principal, was one of the first to develop the type of "value-added" measurement which all the political parties now advocate.

Other winners included Liverpool Hope College, which has been training Tibet-an teachers in India for a decade, and Sheffield College, where a new qualification has been developed for braille skills teaching.

All 23 winners received their gold medals yesterday from the Queen. The successes were celebrated at a Guildhall banquet, in the City of London. Planning for the third of the five rounds of prizes has already begun, with a likely closing date for entries little more than a year away. The assessment process is expected to be similar to last years, with the winners announced at the end of 1998. Mr Robbie said: "It is not too soon for institutions to start thinking about their entries. We will be issuing the invitation to enter



Music students from Edinburgh University in the ruins of Sarajavo's City Hall





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University of Oxford: Molecular medicine: collaborative research and transfer of results.
The Queen's University of Belfast: Environmental research: research and training in partnership with industry.
School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London: International distance

learning: economica and finance across the globe. The Sheffield College: Braille skills accreditation: providing a new qualification. University of Stratholyde: Electrical power engineering:

University of Surrey: Satellite engineering and communications: teaching and research. University of Manchester institute of Science and Technology: Technoloal education, technology transfer and academic and trade relations with Japan.

iversity of York: Computer ence: teaching, research

And the band played on

SECTISH WINNERS

ne of the enduring images of the Bosnian conflict is a film of Vedran Smailovic playing the cello in a war-ravaged street of Sarajevo. To the outside world it symbolised the triumph of the human spirit. To Vedran's friends it was the inspiration to restore some kind of normality to a city forn apart.

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To one, Professor Nigel Osborne, who has played alongside him, it was confirmation that music can have the most profound effect on people, particularly when their lives have been

people, particularly when their lives have been damaged. Professor Osborne's way of helping to restore

helping to restore sanity was through young children. They had absolutely nothing," he says. Their lives had been wrecked.

their homes had

been destroyed and the schools were no longer functioning. We needed to find them some sort of meeting ground and for

me that was music.

"We explored ways of gesting them back to school and found that we were able to bring children of all faiths together through creative work, experimenting with music, drama, dance and art. We helped them to live again like children, to make them laugh and to make them sad, too, because that is part of life."

This work is continuing on a long-term basis with the help of third-year music students from Edinburgh University, where Professor Osborne runs the prizewinning music in the community course. There are links with Sarajevo University and small groups regularly travel to Mostar, visiting every primary school in turn to encourage musical activity.

The Edinburgh course

The Edinburgh course emerged from a collaboration with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, helping music teachers to develop creativity.

Now its programme of training, research and development has taken students into Scottish schools, hospitals, social work centres and prisons. Professor Osborne says: "So

work centres and prisons.

Professor Osborne says: "So many can benefit. We have had a West African drummer helping children with profound learning difficulties. Simple rhythms can also help old people with dementia to regain moments of self-respect. We have developed a form of tactile notation for the visually impaired from simple objects like forks or cups.

"A long-term prisoner who three years ago knew not a note of music is having his opera performed in Edinburgh this

We helped them to live again like children' the Scottish prizes goes to the University of Strattledyde for the world-class teaching and research of its Centre for

of its Centre for Electrical Power Engineering, led by Professor Owen Farish, which has partnerships with major power companies across the world.

across the world.

Its graduate development scheme for potential leaders in the industry, the technical equivalent of the Master of Business Administration (MBA), has achieved such recognition that its first overseas course is now in its second year in Hong Kong, where the centre has close links with the China Light and Power Company. A course is due to start in Thailand for engineers from its power companies. Talks are under way for setting up a course in Malaysia.

Korea is already involved in research projects and indonesia is a possible future partner. A spin-off company, Diagnostic Monitoring Systems, set up last year as a result of the centre's pioneering work on substation design, supplies equipment to Italy, Brazil, Hong Kong and Germany.

Alan Jenkins

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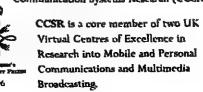
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Vital ground to plant a culture of learning

David Charter on where 'Mr Fixit' says higher education must go next

appreciate the calibre of British colleges and which they are held overseas. The former Post Office chairman has become known as the Government's education Mr Fixit for leading successive, important reviews of the curriculum, qualifications, and, now, higher education.

The importance of his role in designing a system that enhances the kind of excellence recognised by the Queen's Anniversary Prizes made him a natural choice for introducing last night's prizes ceremony, held at London's ny, neid Guildhall.

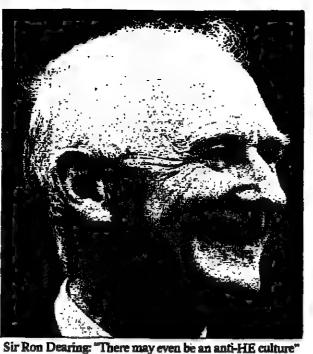
Sir Ron sees his mission as redefining the structure and aims of British higher education for the next 20 years, after a decade of rapid growth. As chairman of the Government's National Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education, he has already toured education Kingdom, Japan and Australia for a view of what the future might hold.

Several key themes are emerging. Sir Ron, who attended university as a mature student, has made no secret of his desire to extend the benetion to areas of society which still feel excluded.

The expansion of higher education has seen no significant change in the social background of students. Last October Sir Ron appealed to universities to set up HE centres on working-class estates to reach those who feel

"I'm told that on some working-class estates there isn't an HE culture." he said. "In fact, there might even be an anti-HE culture. We've got to go in and establish units

Sir Ron is also known to favour closer links between academe and the needs of industry and commerce. This week he met Chris Hum-



phries, who, as director of policy and strategy at the national Training and Enter-

prise Council, represents the 81 regional training and enterprise councils, to hear his arguments that universities should be remodelled as largely local vocational training

Mr Humphries told him that the emergence of small and medium-size enterprises as the top graduate employers should dictate this radical new approach to higher education in Britain.

Several of the prizewinning projects suggest models for the way that the key objectives of proadening participation and ing can work at their best.

Sir Ron will be especially interested to learn from Leeds Metropolitan University's ploneering scheme to link individual postgraduate students with specific local companies.

immediate benefits have flowed for both sides, with an innovative researcher bringing workplace challenges back for local firms.

The work of Middlesex University is also likely to inform Sir Ron's review. It has won recognition for giving employees the chance to have their skills recognised by a qualification, without the need to leave work to study.

ir Ron will want to examine the secret of Middlesex's success it has 500 students on the accreditation programme and aims to double this within

Not only do the students benefit by a formal recognition of their skills, which can then be targeted for development through further relevant study, but the companies also realise where their strengths lie and can direct their own staff development accordingly.

The Queen's Anniversary Prize citation for Middlesex's work could act as a summary for Sir Ron's own aims. The university is praised for "bearing directly upon a vital area of need in all industrial and developed economies ... its strategy brings obvious benefit to organisations in times of change and reliable qualifica-



Children in SOS children's village, Dharamsala, India, with students from Liverpool Hope's Ladakh project

ach summer for the past ten years, lecturers from Liverpool Hope College have travelled to India to train Tibetan teachers in the villages in which 10,000 Tiber-an children have been exiled. Undergraduates from the college have flown to India to carry out teacher training practice in Tibetan schools. That is why Liverpool Hope is one of the winners in the

1996 round of the Queen's Anniversary Prizes. "I think we won because of what it did for us as well as what it did for the people we were working with," Dr Susan O'Brien, the

Where there is Hope

pay for the project, the college set up a charity. Hope One World, into which staff contribute. The rest of the funding comes from SOS Children's Villages UK, an organisation set up almost 50 years ago to

As a result, 900 teachers have been able to teach the Tibetan refugees in the area of Ladakh. Such is the success of the Ladakh project that it has become a model for similar workshops in Nigeria and for schools of SOS Children's Villages in India.

Another winner in the field of education is the School of (SOAS) at the University of London, which runs Masters programmes in economics and finance via distance learning. That initiative was originally pioneered to train civil servants of war-ravaged Mozambique and was funded by

Development Agency.
One of the early SOAStrained economists ended up as a Vice Minister of Finance and Planning in Mozambique and a second became Minister of Trade and Tourism.

Julie Davies, programme manager of the Centre for International Education in Economics at SOAS, is convinced the MSc must have

helped them. The country economy, so the course was very useful to them," she says. Today the centre offers post-

graduate courses to some 700 cluding South Africa, Namiba, Cambodia, Vietnam and the United States of America.

The University of Manhester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) has won a prize for its links with Japan, which go back more than 100 years. But it has been the effect of the rise of Japanese economic power and its relevance to British technical education that has led to the

UMIST has formalised relations with two Japanese technical universities for joint research, student exchanges and staff transfers. At the same time, effort is put into creating opportunities for British companies in Japan.

The College of North West Loudon has won an award for sian institutions to reform their teaching, particularly in humness studies

In Bulgaria the college now has connections with 30 institutions in 19 towns. In Russia it has developed a similar relationship with the Ministry

LUCY HODGES

A Roman city brought to life oratory and more than 300 BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY PROJECT volunteers have gathered data. We will be able to provide plans of buildings

BY THE end of May the most detailed plan of a Roman city ever produced in Britain will be complete without any spade work or latest modern technology and the efforts of the University of Birmingham, English Heritage and volunteers from the local community.

to the university department

and keeping teachers im-mersed in the latest

From this has grown wider

participation with other col-

leges and businesses which led

Hidden beneath more than 150 acres of Shropshire countryside is the ancient city of Wroxeter, the largest Roman city in Britain to remain unscathed by later developments. Only a small

part of the city had previousy been excavated, including the Roman baths, now on display to the public. Dr Vince Galfney, director

of the Wrozeter Project from the University of Birmingham, says: The plan will be as detailed as it is possible to construct without excavating the whole city, which would

Project since 1953 and in 1994

began to piece together the layout of the city. Mainly funded by the Leverhulme Trust and BT, the virtual reality city will be constructed on a graphical database. from information gathered. using remote sensing tech-niques including electrical and satellite imaging and seismic scanning.

and have even traced a large fire which destroyed up to 15 per cent of the city in its eyday," Dr Gaffney says. Dr Gaffney says: "Tech-

nology is the future of heritage management and archaeology. We want to reach people of all ages and backgrounds and hope to launch CD-Roms for

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Linda Pullen on a course providing practical experience to those preparing to become social workers

Students who play happy families

unique socialwork agency to win contracts if the Government goes ahead

with privatisation plans.
The Family Assessment and
Support Unit (FASU) gives practical experience under su-pervision to students preparing for diplomas in social work. Set up in 1994, the unit has helped more than 500 families referred by social services. A further 2,000 have received counselling through schemes provided by

It claims success in more than 60 per cent of cases at no cost to social services, and 85 per cent of people seeking help feel more able to cope afterwards. It has also done research on bullying and aggression in pre-school children, young car-crime offenders and the effects of autism on

The prize citation describes the agency as "unique and of emphatic world-class. It sets out a pathway in the efficient study, teaching and resolution of recurring problems in the social-service field and provides an innovative practical basis of significant international research".

Three schemes that help small companies to boost business by tapping into academic expertise at Leeds Metropolitan University were described by the judges as trail-

the university's Teaching Company Scheme 2 business needing help can call in an expert in fields such as marketing or environmental management. It has so far helped 54 projects which have, on average, produced profits double the initial investment.

WHEN the number of science

A-level entries from girls at

Hackney Community Coll-

ege, east London, fell to three in 1990, the science depart-

ment felt it was time to act, and in doing so won a

Queen's Anniversary Prize,

Pat Mahoney, head of stu-

dent support, says. The fall reflected national trends. We

felt we had to encourage

talented young women to take

up the sciences. They bring a

Amanda Loose writes

Company Associate Partnership Scheme, brings in help from further education co leges and has already aided 33 companies. Another 40 developments are in the pipeline. The third project, Univentures International Ltd, links entrepreneurs with ideas gathered worldwide by the university.

The judges described the initiatives as "a pioneering and highly productive relationship between academe and industry". Peter Rodgers, the university's External Business Development Centre head, said: "It is often thought that people in universities don't speak the same language as business people and don't understand the real needs of the business community.

We have proved that you can break down these barriers with practical projects to improve companies' profitability as well as performance. Graduates involved in these schemes also get a tremendous boost at the beginning of their career as they take on high profile and responsible roles within the companies."

York University's computer science department is internationally recognised as a centre of excellence. The citation for its prize says: "It couples highquality teaching with the practical research and training needs of industry and commerce at a level recognised as world-class.

It undertakes more industrially sponsored research than any other British university, currently holding about a fifth of the contracts in the market. It has established partnerships with leading companies and many of its graduates go on to jobs with them. The university provides postgraduate courses as part of dev-

particular perspective to sci-

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duction and genetic engin-eering, which we can't afford

to lose. Between 1991 and 1996 we had 198 female A-level

entries. More than 70 girls

have gone on to study science

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that an advantage was that boys argued whether a-b

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The college promotion of

at university.



Students preparing for diplomas in social work under the FASU's supervision discuss their casework with a lecturer



Five hundred families have benefited from the social service provided by the FASU

elopment programmes for internationally famous firms such as Ford and Siemens.

The department is also a world leader in modern commercial computer system applications, from aircraft and nuclear power plants to implanted medical devices and rail transport. One group is. working on software safety analysis which detects aircraft faults, makes corrections and advises pilots and air traffic controllers on their next

Another group is developing "data suits". Body sensors will allow wearers to operate a gesture or movement. The concept would provides a useful tool for blind or deaf

Sheffield College's course in braille is the first to provide a fully accredited new qualifilecturer, who realised the diffi-

World leaders in their fields

MEDICINE

n 1986 the University of Ling the need for the various branches of the biological sciences to work together, established The School, a scientific community designed to promote research and educational programmes of the highest

standards in biology. Central to its function is collaboration between scientists and clinicians, between biologists and other academic disciplines, with industry and with the community. To date, benefits include groundbreaking discoveries about the way in which wounds heal, work that has led directly to new techniques for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and the identification of a new type of drug resistance in

cancer therapy.

These results have been accompanied by a dramatic increase in the number of students, and within a decade this department has established a worldwide reputation for the quality of its teaching and research. A building to host joint ventures with industry is due for completion next year.

culty of keeping people inter-ested over the four years it

"I was working with adults

who had to learn braille and found it difficult to maintain

motivation," she said, "Know-

ing human nature, I knew it

would encourage people if they had something to aim

for." Only half of registered

blind people use braille, and

the figure plummets to less than one in ten among those

who lose their sight as they get

The course is modular, with students learning at their own speed, either at the college or

only two people, but now has

34, with more on a waiting list.

About half are blind, the rest

want a qualification for jobs as

Six other colleges around

Britain have taken up the

programme and seven others

are due to start soon. Cath

Harding, a college official, said braille was usually dealt

with by social services, not

education departments. "This

course has brought it into

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Lucy Hodges on the Open University's pioneering teacher-training programme

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in the next two years.

Carlisle College has won a prize for its "Opening More Doors" initiative, launched in 1993 to break down barriers that prevent people continuing with their education. "We planned how we could do that. Everything from changing the physical environment to appointing staff who can provide counselling and guidance, Tony Jakimciw, the Vice-PrinFive years ago Carlisle was a traditional technical college. Today 60 per cent of students are aged over 21 and 60 per cent are females, and numbers have doubled in three years.

Greenhead Sixth Form College, in Huddersfield, west Yorkshire, another winner, has moved in eight years from being below average in its examination results to being among the top three sixth form colleges in the country for its A-level results.

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The college takes pupils from nine partner schools so long as they have six grade Cs at GCSE. Almost 90 per cent of students go on to higher or



commercial basis. Professor Sweeting says: CANDUSTERAL LOS COTICAL

THE QUESTOR Centre at Queen's University, Belfast, was established in 1989 to undertake research into environmental problems, in particular those caused industrial pollution, John Young writes, It is the only institution of its kind outside the United States, and its work has received international

THE CENTRE for Satellite

Engineering Research (CSER) at the University of Surrey

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fessor David Bellamy opened the first laboratory he described it as "a bright light at the end of a dark tunnel". The centre's findings are not confined to its members. Every effort is made to ensure that the results of its research are made applicable to small

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principal conservator and head of organic materials. She, while still at Camberwell. led a group working on the conservation of the John Piper cartoons in Chichester Cathe dral and of several theatrical watercolours from the Garrick collection. Others are working on the papyrus to be displayed in a forthcoming exhibition of Egyptian mummies and on documents associated with the Calcutta Tercentenary

Lenny Hanson, a darkroom

echnician at King's College Hospital before he went to Camberwell, is now curator of the Houghton Getty picture library where thousands of old photographs and films have been rescued from chemical decay. Other present and former students have advised on the conservation of the library of St Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai desert, the letters of Charles Dickens, John Beniley's architectural drawfor Westminster : Cath dral, Turner watercolours and Burne-Jones drawings in the Tate Gallery, and sketches by Beatrix Potter and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's brother, Dickie, in the Victoria and Albert Museum. Less conventional projects have included salvaging documents from the wreckage of the Piper Alpha oil platform and restoring a hydrogen balloon used by Sir John Franklin to send messages during his quest for the North-West Passage.

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Single possession order made

Massey v Albany Life Assurance Company Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Schiemann (Judgment February 12)

In general an order for possession ought not to be made against one of two joint borrowers where it would not advantage the lender because the other joint borrower was entitled to remain in poswas enduced to remain in personal session. In those circumstances a district judge ought to adjourn the proceedings with liberty to restore should the other borrower leave the property or an order for possession be made against the

The Court of Appeal so observed dismissing an appeal by Frank Reginald Massey, the first defen-dant in the first action, who was also the plaintiff in the second action, against an order for pos-session of 7 Corbar Way, Mile End, Stockport, Cheshire, made by order of Judge Hammond in Stockport County Court on April 4. 1995 in favour of Albany Home Loans Ltd, the plaintiff in the first

Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (1953, Cmd 8969) provides: "Every-one has a right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence. There may be no interference by a public body with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary ... for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

Mr Martyn Berkin for the appellant; Mr Simon Edwards for the home loan company. LORD JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said the appeal

ed a point of general interest on which counsel said there was no which counsel said there was no authority and a variety of practice. What was to be done in the situation where joint owners of property jointly mortgaged it, got into arrears on the payments, the letter applied for a possession order and one of the borrowers had an apprintly defence to the had an arguable defence to the application but the other had no

Mr Musey's defence was that been wrongfully dismissed by associate companies of Albany Home Loans Ltd by whom he was employed as a mortgage provider. That defence had been struck out by the judge because even if he was certain to succeed in his wrongful dismissal claim it was not a

with Mr Massey but also with his wife Jacqueline, who had pleaded that as against her the mortgage should be set aside for undue yet anyway, obtained judgment for

The district judge on January 9, 1935 had ordered Mr Massey to give up possession of the property, but no order had been made against Mrs Massey.

enforce the order prior to an adjudication on the wife's case and had proffered an undertaking that no action would be taken to enforce the order until an order was made cated voluntarily.

were no practical problems, but his were no practical processes, but no Lordship saw force in the sub-mission that the judge ought not to have made the possession order. Its result was that a husband was in breach of the court's order and might be held in contempt for remaining in the house in which his wife was entitled to remain and ite whom she pleased. Article 8 of the European

Convention on Human Rights, although not enacted as part of domestic law, provided a clue to the solution of the problems posed

protection of the lender's rights. His Lordship referred to a dictum of Lord Templem Downsview Ltd v First City Corporation Ltd (1993) AC 295)

in a case where the ejection of one of two borrowers was of no one of two bortowers was or no benefit to the lender it seemed to his Lordship that it was not in general right to marke an order requiring him to leave within the period during which the other borrower was in possession and entitled to be in possession. That

Mr Berkin to say that the court had no power to make such an order. But the court should have disposed

Lord Justice Aldous agreed. Solicitors: McCormicks, Harrogain: Mr B. M. D. Geiringer, Potters Bur:

that powers conferred on a mort-gage must be exercised in good faith for the purpose of obtaining

where the borowers were husband

of the case so that the husband was not required to leave until his wife left. That result could have been achieved by an undertaking such us had been given in the instant case or by an adjournment under

Informer can waive anonymity

Savage v Chief Constable of Hampshire Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice

Judge Dodgment February 6

A police informer, who wished to sacrifice his anonymity by bring-ing proceedings to recover money allegedly promised to him by the police in eachange for the information, was not precluded on the ground of public interest immu-nity from making that claim.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeal of the plaintiff. David James Savage, against the judgment of Judge Martin Tucker, QC sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court in the Portsmouth District Registry, when he refused on July 27, 1995, the plaintiffs application for leave to amend his the claim as being frivolous, versious and an abuse of the courts process. The Court of Appeal allowed the plaintiff's pro-

Mr David Barnard for the plaintiff; Mr Simon Russen for the

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said that, from the assertions in the claim, the court had to assume that after his arrest in 1990 for an offence of possession of drugs the plaintiff orally agreed to assist the police, that he would be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in serious crime or the prevention property, and payment would be calculated on the basis of 10 per cent of the value of any property concerned, alternatively a reasonsble sum would be payable.

In performance of that agree-ment, the plaintiff provided approand had not received the agreed or any reasonable payment. His Lordship said that it was likely an alternative view of those crucial facts would be pursued if the case proceeded to trial.

The judge had held, in sum-mary, that the plaintiff's claim was inadmissible as it involved an assertion that he was a police allege or give evidence to establish

His Lordship said that the need to conceal the identity of informers was justified: R v Hennessey (1978) 68 Cr App R 419, 42b); D v National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1978) AC 171). In a limited number of cases concealment was justified on the ground that the police service could not otherwise function properly and perform its public Compay v Rimmer (1968) AC 910, 953-954); Attorney-General v Briant ((1846) 15 M & W 169, 185).

494, 498, 499) and constantly repeated thereafter was that immunity from disclosure was not a privilege to be waived by one party to the proceedings, and, second, non-disclosure was not limited to criminal prosecutions

But, Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, in that case did not use language to suggest that the prinwhatever form the proceedings Where the informer himself

positively wished his activities to be identified, and assuming he was it was difficult to see why the court activities on the basis that his personal safety would endangered. Disclosure at his own insistence

could not serve to undermine one of the essential features of arrange-ments between the police and their informers that their identity would normally be protected from

surveillance from observation

([1988] I WLR 1377)), the views of occupiers of those premises, whose safety was most in need of protection, could be considered, then, in his Lordship's judgment, an in-former's wish that his identity be disclosed could not without more be ignored on the basis of the immunity principle, and certainly in relation to civil proceedings of any relevant criminal

And further, from a separate line interest immunity attached to documents in cases involving complaints against police officers (R v Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, Ex parte Wiley [1995] I AC that if a police informer wished personally to sacrifice his own anonymity, he was not precluded relevant police authority.

It was possible that despite his wishes there remained a significant public interest, extraneous to be damaged if he was allowed to

might assist others involved i methods of investigation or han ner their operations, or indicate th particular crime, or even that the possessed information suggesting extreme danger to the informer

There was no evidence that ar such considerations applied in th present case so as to tip the balant former's anonymity against h

Thus, while there might I unusual difficulties at the inte locutory stages of the prese litigation, particularly in relation shin's reservations about the like mend the pleadings should ha been granted.

Lord Justice Potter gave concurring judgment and Lor Justice Leggatt agreed.

Salicitors: Reynolds Hetherington, Gosport: Mr P. B. Robertson, Winchester.

of a party's available funds mig properly lead a court to leave the

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would be obvious examples.

The court did consider, howev

that it was not appropriate in su

a case to speculate on the reas-ing underlying settlement of solicitor's negligence action, nor seek to evaluate the plainti

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When an order was made str

Limitation period over guarantee

Tabarrok v E. D. C. Lord & Co (a Firm) Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice

Judgment February 6) Where negligent advice caused a plaintiff to guarantee another's to run as soon as the plaintiff suffered damage. It was a question of fact in each case whether damage was caused to the plaintiff were guaranteed defaulted on

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Massoud Baradaran Tabarrok from the refusal by Judge Catlin in Brentford County Court on June 3, 1995 of his application for leave to amend particulars of claim in his action against E. D. C. Lord & Co. a firm of solicitors, for breach of contract and negligence. Judge Cathin rejected the application on the ground that the claims sought to be raised by amendment were statute-barred and did not arise out of the same or substantially the same facts as those already pleaded.

iant; Mr R. E. Pearce for the

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said

period expired? Second, did the new cause of action arise out of the same or substantially the same facts and if so was it just to grant

The appellant had decided in 1986 to open a przza restaurant. He had purchased a company, Coolrise Ltd, and instructed the defendant solicitors in connection with the purchase of an underless of premises at 84 Clapham High Street, London.

Coolrise went into occupation before the necessary documents were signed and entered into a franchise agreement to operate a Perfect Pizza restaurant. But in December 1987 the appellant was told that the landlord would not approve the underlease until dilapidations costing about £12,000 had been completed.
The appellant had felt he had no

choice but to spend the money and did so. On February 3, 1989 the underlesse was executed. It contained a clause by which the appellant agreed to act as surety or Cookise In February 1992, Cookise failed

to pay the rent and on November 9, 1992 the landlord obtained judgappellant as surety for £34,000. Placed in difficulties, Coolrise as-

The summons in the instant 1993. Particulars of claim alleged that the respondents were in breach of contract and negligent in respect of advice to Cooleise as to dilapidations and the danger of entering into the franchise agreement and spending money before obtaining the underlease.

The proposed amen contract and tort on the basis that contract and tort.

The respondents maintained that the cause of action for both breach and contract and neg-ligence arose on February 3, 1989. more than six years before the accepted date of March 31, 1995 for tion period expired.

The appellant submitted that time only began to run against him as guarantor when Cookise defaulted. Mr Masters had relied on dicts of Lord Diplock in Moschi v Lep Air Services Ltd [1973] AC 331,

Mr Pearce submitted that the appellant's argument was falla-cious. The fact that liability as a

not mean that the entry into the guarantee as a result of negligent advice did not inflict damage upon the person who entered into the guarantee. He had referred among Co (1982) | WLR 964

Proceedings on the contract claim could have been begun on Pebruary 3, 1989, so that action was statute barred. But the posthe cause of action accrued when the appellant suffered damage.

in his Lordship's view, the appellant would have recover more than nominal damages had he taken action on February 3, 1989 ready been carried out, making the appellant's guarantee of Coolrise's The judge had not made the

proper comparison of the facts in the original statement of claim and Lordship did so and concluded that the differences were such that substantially the same. Lord Justice Schlemann gave a

concurring judgment and Lord Justice Hirst agreed with both

Solicitors: David Gouldman & Cox Prince Evans, Ealing.

Enforcing order for costs court, said that the judge had

Wraith v Wraith and Another Before Lard Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Justice Potter

[Judgment Pebruary 5] Where a legally aided litigant who had had his case struck out for want of prosecution and against costs order not to be enforced without leave of the court had been made, successfully claimed against his solicitor in negligence and the settlement inctuded indemnity for the solicitor for any costs incurred by the lidgant in the original action, then, on an application to enforce the costs order, the appropriate order for the court to make would almost certainly be to grant leave to

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendants in an action between brothers concerning a business partnership against a decision of Judge Cooke, sitting as a High Court judge, dismissing the defenforce a costs order against the plaintiff on the ground of a change in his circumstances under regula tion 130 of the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulation (SI 1989 No

Mr Ian Karsten, QC, for the defendants; Mr Nicholas Davidson, QC, for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS, giving the judgment of the

made a typical order for costs not to be enforced without leave of the court and the effect was to suspend the plaintiff's obligation of payment indefinitely. On any application by the defendant under regulation 130 the court might make such order as it thought the

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The cable and satellite revolution is going to bring a feast of arts coverage to television for those who are prepared to pay for it. Andy Lavender reports

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ancy seeing an opera this evening — even though you live miles from an opera house? Or a concert from one of the world's top orchestras, perhaps in Vienna or New York? Or how about a guided tour around, say, the splendours of Cubism? If so, simply turn on your

This cosy scenario is perhaps closer than you think. Arts programming on TV has for years been a slender proposition. When it is on at all, it can be very hit

and miss. Remember the esoteric delights and dismays of Without Walls on Channel 4? Or the BBC's The Late Show, portentous one night, pretentious the next? And arts programming is usually consigned to the shadowy end of the evening which still afflicts LWT's

The South Bank Show. All that will change in the next couple of years, at least if you are prepared to join in the cable and satellite revolution. Arts programming enjoys the happy circumstance of appealing to the ABC1 viewer so beloved of advertisers and subscription operators. There are clearly commercial interests at stake in the fact that it now looms large in our multichannelled future. Even so, the impending increase in arts provision can only be good news for the armchair

Various TV companies have already joined the fray or are preparing their entry. The most enticing manoeuvres are at the BBC. Within services alongside BBC1 and BBC2, for those who can receive them by means of digital technology. In addition, working with the cable and satellite company Flextech, it

services on the cable networks. A new arts channel, named Arena after the old BBC documentary series, is among them.

"The theme will be music, theatre and the arts, but transmitted in prime time when viewers are actually free to watch," explains Roly Keating, the BBC's head of development, music and arts. "We will focus on classical music, concerts like the Proms, chamber music, but also roam widely into the Later With Jools area. You

> might get some lazz. country, a little bit of rock, so it's a grown-up will also be arts documentaries, and we're going to be delving into the back catalogue. The BBC has a huge, fantastic treasure chest of arts programmes dating back in some cases 30 or 40 years. Most of them have been seen only

once or twice." Keating promises that the chan-nel will not merely ransack the BBC's archives but will feature new programming, including a reviews and listings element. He is in no doubt about the potential of such a venture. "The market research so far has shown a very strong and passionate demand among an audience who feel there's a huge gap in the market for something like this."

ot before time, some would say. Paul Findlay, formerly opera di-Opera House, has for a while been lobbying the Arts Council to fund the establishment of a television company transmitting every evehour package of arts and culture programming. The principle, Find-lay believes, is that British performance which receives public subsidy should be made available to a yet wider audience, an opportu-



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not dissimilar if you aiready subscribe to your local cable network. The arts channel Performance. owned by The Daily Mall and the General Trust, is available in around 1.4 million homes as part of

hop between 7pm and lam they will discover that Performance offers a middle to highbrow mix of opera, concerts, dance and a little jazz. "Up to now, the idea has been

a package of cable channels. Not that it's the world's greatest per-that all of those households, by any formers in your home," says Bob programmes. That's fine, if you are happy seeing them a little later than you would otherwise. Performance has a lowly budget and must therefore purchase programmes that have already been seen else-

European broadcasters. Lynton is nonetheless devising ways of maximising his slim resources.

We need to make our program-ming more accessible and learn the positive lessons from Classic FM." he says. The radio station, you may remember, quickly gained a large and loyal following through its nonthreatening approach to classical music. "I'm looking to do some kind of short-form programming. In March we have a new series running called Great Arias: tenminute items in which you get the best singers doing extracts from and talking about one of their most famous roles. That will be good for people dipping their toe into opera."

The danger is that people will dip

in and jump out. It's a fiercely competitive business to be in." Lynton agrees. "Virtually every month there are new channels that come on. The majority of people are interested in lots of things: cooking, drama, sport, the arts. Most of us are multifaceted in our leisure interests, so as a cookery channel comes on it's possible that it dilutes our audience." It will doubtless be further diluted when Arena is

eanwhile, Channel 4 is currently planning its own add-on services when digital transmission comes on stream, and these might include extended arts coverage. Do these kinds of initiatives paradoxically sound the death knell for the arts on mainstream television, condemning them in-stead to a specialised niche for which we have to fork out? Janey Walker, Channel 4's com-

missioning editor for the arts, disagrees, promising a new series of hour-long arts documentaries in the autumn, along with various short series of half-hour programmes. And Roly Keating is adamant that, as far as the BBC is concerned, the opposite is the case. We will be using the momentum of Arena to strengthen the arts service on BBC1 and BBC2. We might also create a dynamic with a channel like this that suggests new ways of reaching audiences, which will feed back into the mainstream service. We hope that a virtuous circle will emerge." Do not adjust your arm-

Rocking through space

SPACE-AGE themes, inspired by the Hubble telescope and moon landings, plus a rock-influenced funk beat and some impressive soloists, make the Annie Whitehead Experience one of the most individual and cohesive bands currently touring the jazz circuit. Most of the band's material is drawn from its recent debut album, Naked, and the strengths of that disc are even more apparent in live performance. Anchoring everything is the extrovert

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drumming of Liam Genockey, whose solid, incisive beat provides the perfect launch-pad for guitarist Ian Maidman and keyboard player Jasper van't Hof.

On both piano and synthe sizer, van't Hof is the band's most outstanding soloist. His unaccompanied piano work had echoes of Ligeti and Satie incorporated into the post-Herbie Hancock vocabulary of jazz keyboard playing, but it was his jovial deconstruction of a steel drum solo on the band's mibute to Dudu Pukwana that stole the show. Pukwana, like the late John Stevens, was a formative influence on Whitehead's own career, and her composition, To Dudu, mixed a variety of colonial influences. Not all Whitehead's pieces were inspired by space or her musical mentors — an effective slow vehicle for Dudley Phillips's bass came from her musical auntie", Chalk and Cheese.

Surprisingly, Whitehead's own soloing, even enhanced by electronics, was conservative, but this was outweighed by the strengths of her repertoire and the ensemble. This is a band full of promise.

ALYN SHIPTON

THEATRE: Shakespeare shows his unacceptable face; plus Peter Gill's absorbing new play

Nasty business

WHAT an odious play this is. When the letter comes to Belmont announcing Antonio's lost argosies. Bassanio declares: "Here are a few of the unpleasantest words/ That ever blotted paper!" This also describes the wretched play he is in, save that for a few read many. Bill Alexander's decision to cut little, perhaps nothing, from the text ensures that we see and hear how nasty Shakespeare's charac-

We are obliged to watch the play patiently because it is espeare, this somehow elevating it into a species of holy writ. For our pains we hear Shylock's defence of his humanity and Portia's speech on mercy, both tremendous achievements of thought and language, and in this production spoken with passionate clarity by David Schofield and Tyson. A couple of the characters utter some lines of charm and distinction. but the rest is Jew-hating, Jewbaiting. Jew-spitting and a moment of Moor-mocking to add variety.

The Venice we are shown in Ruari Murchison's design is a city of dark courtyards under a leaden sky. Its narrow brick arches are aiready crumbling canal is black. For the Belmont scenes a panelled wall

The Merchant of Venice

Birmingham Rep

swiftly descends, affording glimpses of the open sea beyond: we sense a corresponding openness of heart among those who dwell there. But even here Charles Edwards's Bassanio makes a point of crossing the width of the stage to show Jessica the

The costumes (by Fotini Dimou, sumptuous) are Early Victorian, and the first appearance of Schofield, conined and precise in his sleek black overcoat, is arresting Alexander's production adds a new edge to the racial conflict by casting Don Warrington (good performance) as a black Antonio, so that Shylock's "He hates our sacred nation" hints at the hatreds between blacks and Jews in today's Brooklyn.

Tyson, who of course is also black, brings a sweet exuberance to Portia, and a barely restrained impatience to be in Bassanio's arms. But whatever Shakespeare's personal views may have been, his play is exposed as notious.

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Welshing on the past

OLD Annie looks after Charlie whose son is unemployed Billy who is unhappily married to Shirley who is despised by everyone but Michael who is brother to Marge who is mother to Tommy who is enjoying a gay liaison with Neil whose mother is Dolly whose close friend is Vera who

> Cardiff East Cottesloe

gossips about Stella who has been abandoned by her husband Len and worries about their son Darkie who is havmum called Carol. Unsurprisingly, I spent much of Peter Gill's new play with a squint, since my left eye kept having to check the cast-list. Surprisingly, maybe, my right eye and the grey matter behind were kept pretty rapt

throughout Imagine an EastEnders, Cardiff-version, that has been deprived of a plot and, apart from an act of violence at the very end, of much in the way of event. Or a set of Studs Terkel's interviews being shuffled, thrown into the air and dropped piecemeal on a stage. Or Under Milk Wood trans-

ALLIED



Susan Brown as kindly Marge and Kenneth Cranham as the former priest, Michael, in Cardiff East

lated into more realistic dialogue and transposed to a housing estate that, as the backcloth indicates, sprouts unappetisingly from what was once scrub and marshland. You still haven't quite summed up Peter Gill's impressionistic picture of workg-class Cardiff in 1997.

There has always been a strong puritan strain in Gill's work, whether he is working as dramatist or director. Here he is both, which is why most of the cast spend most of the play impassively watching their colleagues doing their stuff on and around an array of stark chairs and a large double bed. It is also why, for all its energy and flashes of humour, the play earnestly warns that Wales is in danger of becoming a gaudy theme-park in which there is scant hope for families, communi-

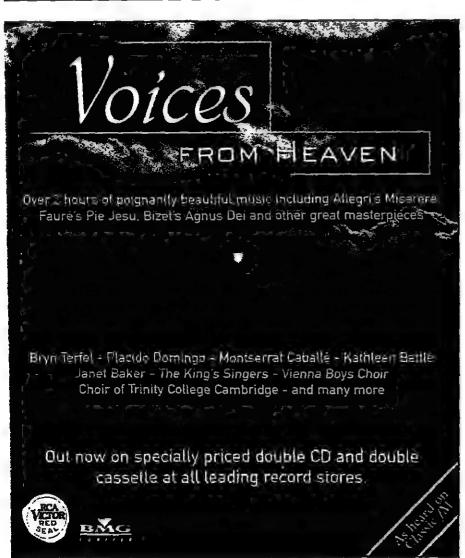
ties and the old solidarity. Change is all around, little of it for the better. Outside the city, dairy farms are becoming golf courses. Inside, the young are surreptitiously turning to crack, and divorce, once regarded as a middle-class in-dulgence is getting common. The play's tone is apt to become nostalgic, especially when Gwenllian Davier's good-natured Annie is in full flow; but the serious point is

that these people still have some sense of their history.

Most of them can also rely on each other's support when the going gets tough. Stress is everywhere. Melanie Hill's Shirley talks dementedly of falling apart, so angry is she with Mark Lewis Jones's helpless, drunken Billy. June Watson's Stella, who has lost her other son, cannot bear to let Andrew Howard's Darkie out of her sight, and he, too, is near collapse. All four actors superbly convey the chaos and despair of not knowing what they feel and want.

But then Gill's cast is consistently excellent, from Susan Brown's kindly but unimaginative Marge through Matthew Rhys's anarchic young Tommy to Kenneth Cranham as the local guru, Michael. His language is ant to get sermonising as he orchestrates discussions on Welsh-ness and the Church; but then he is an anguished ex-priest, so maybe the didactic tenor is understandable. In any case, as those who saw the NT's An Inspector Calls will know, Cranham can make severity passionate and zeal humane. Much the same can be said for Gill's play as a whole.

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Ignore all the nasty innuendo: we are back, and we are models of sobriety, say Aerosmith



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Chester today, tomorrow the world: Mansun stake their claim with Attack of the Grey Lantern





POP 3

but on Sisters of Avalon Cyndi Lauper gives a strangely subdued account of herself



POP 4

Far from being also-rans, Blur have managed to define the Zeitgeist again, says Caitlin Moran

David Sinclair meets the cleaned-up, not washed-up, Aerosmith old boys

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hat is the most dam-aging allegation that you can level against a group which has come hrough Z7 years of rock'n'roll nayhem with its hairlines and vaistlines intact? To call Aerosmith over the hill" or "out of touch" night make sense, but for the fact hat their last album. Get a Grip, old 13 million copies and their new me, Nine Lives, is as focused and energetic a piece of work as anything you will hear this year.

And if you labelled them a bunch of seudo-delinquent throwbacks who still paint their toenails crazy "in olours and rock out with all the comic-book fervour of a gang of 18year-olds, they would doubtless ake it as a compliment.

Ironically, the slur that has truly speet Aerosmith in recent months is the public accusation by their former manager, Tim Collins, that they are no longer sober. These Jays. the assumption that all rock'n'roll bands are consuming copious quantities of drink and drugs goes without saying, and indeed it was Aerosmith as much as anyone who helped to define the

But the band from New Hampshire which turned the original path to excess into a highway during the 1970s and early 1980s made a collective decision ten years ago to stop. "We had become professional drug addicts instead of professional musicians," singer Steve Tyler says. "So we all decided to put the drugs aside for a while,

Their rehabilitation became as

much a part of rock folklore as the tales of debauchery that preceded it, until last summer, when they sacked Collins, their manager of 12 years' standing. Within days, he told a newspaper reporter that "there's a certain element in the group that hasn't totally chosen sobriety", and hinted in an interview with Rolling Stone that he

knew Tyler was "using again". "He said that I'm back on heroin," Tyler says, his voice rising in indignation.

"Well, the good news is that the band's still together and we've got a great new record, so the hell with him and his childish revenge fantasies. The bad news is that I get some letters from fans and parents saying: 'My brother's back on drugs

again; how can you do that when you're a poster boy for recovery?" And it hurts me. It really does." Both Tyler, 48, and guitarist Joe

Perry, 46, flatty deny any suggestion that they have, even for a moment, fallen off the wagon, and both men do indeed look enviably fit. The pair are sitting six feet off the ground in a London hotel room that has been surreally transformed for their visit into something resembling the throne room of a psychedelic Moroccan palace. Their raised sofa is overhung with multicoloured drapes while the floor below is swathed in tangy splashes of orange and yellow.

performers to discover that, as in most other walks of life, fitness is one of the prerequisites of longevity in rock n roll. Nowadays their letsure pursuits include scuba diving, skiing and cross-country cycling. Last year they both went boar hunting. "Yes, we shot big, living lumps of flesh with guns," Perry says, perhaps a little too keen to dispel any notion that they have turned into goody-goody wimps.

But like other artists, from AC/DC to David Bowie, who have cleaned up their act in order to keep on rocking, they find themselves in the awkward position of being veterans in what is still regarded as a young person's job. The group's original fans

now turn up to shows with their kids in tow. "At a meet-and-greet we did in Paris there was a bunch of ten to fourteen-year-old kids bringing their guitars and foot pedals to get signed, and it blew my mind." Perry says. "I'm one of those kids right there. That's me, only I've just

been doing it a lot longer." Perry has four children of his own, Tyler five including his actress daughter Liv, who in recent months has bagged more headlines than her Dad. "She's got more balls in the air than Aerosmith has collectively," says the ever-philosophical Tyler. And, lest there be any suggestion of an intra-family

Liv's high-spirited role in Aerosmith's Cryin' - voted the No 1 All-Time Favourite Video by viewers of MTV in 1994 - which played a significant part in launching her acting career.

Making the new album was by

all accounts a traumatic affair. Originally recorded in Miami with producer Glen Ballard (who cowrote and produced Jagged Little Pill, Alanis Morissette's blockbuster), Nine Lives was initially scheduled for release last September. But the first recording was scrapped altogether. "The record didn't sound like Aerosmith," the band's longtime adviser and record label executive, John Kalodner, told Billboard magazine. "It just happens sometimes that it doesn't work

The album was subsequently rerecorded in New York with producer Kevin Shirley, but still features three of the songs co-written by Ballard, including the first single, a big, brass-driven belter called Falling in Love (is Hard on the Knees).

But for connoisseurs of traditional, high-rolling American rock, the wait will have been worth it. Laced with Tyler's salacious double entendres and improbably manic wit, Nine Lives is a familiar mixture of high-voltage rockers and epic, lighters-aloft ballads that is nothing if not classic Acrosmith. As Perry puts it: "It's the kind of record I'd want to hear."

The single, Falling in Love (is Hard on the Knees), is released by Columbia on February 24. The album, Nine Lives, is



"I'm one of the kids, only I've been doing it a lot longer," says Joe Perry (right, with Steve Tyler)

MANSUN Attack of the Grey Lantern Parlophone 7243 855791

LED by the singer, songwritr, guitarist and tortured genius figure Paul Draper, viansun are not the first 3ritish band to boast of their ntention to be "bigger than LE.M." or whoever. Talk is heap but, unlike other young pretenders, the four-piece rom Chester can point to five uit singles since signing their ecording contract a year ago.

And if that seems like quick vork, their album is even nore breathtaking. In terms of its ambitious musical scope it is ambitious musical scope and the sheer audacity of its construction. Attack of the Trey Lantern sounds more like the magnum opus of a irmly established act than an upstart debut.

Beginning and ending with rief orchestral arrangenents, the album consists of 11 racks seamlessly run together give the suggestion of a

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rounded whole is a riot of

colour and variety, from the lilting harmonies and knowing title of Mansun's Only Love Song to the glam-grunge crossover riffs and impossibly catchy choruses of Egg Shaped Fred and the current hit She Makes my Nose Bleed.

Draper's lyrics range from the flagrantly provocative as on Stripper Vicar, their merry tune about the crossdressing habits of certain men of the cloth — to the pointedly meaningless, notably the gor-geously windswept chorus of Wide Open Space. But he

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volved with his subjects in a way that often recalls the educated singing style of Thom Yorke of Radiohead. Mansun show every sign of becoming an act of similar GENE

Drawn To The Deep End (Polydor 537 104 E15.49) WHAT bad luck for Gene to have their respectable third

album released on the same day as Mansun's outstanding debut. It was Gene's singer Martin Rossiter who once complained about the shockingly low standards in pop music today". Unfortunately, Rossiter's high hopes for his own group did not become a reality, and Gene have since joined the club of superstars that never were.

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Drawn to the Deep End begins with the ambitious New Amusements, a sevenminute song which bounces through several needlessly awkward tempo changes without ever quite fulfilling its grandiose intent. "You are here to serve me/Shut up sit down," Rossiter sings by way of a preamble to his latest batch of carefully Morrisseyisms.

After that it is business as usual with a succession of perfectly pleasant songs that the Smiths never wrote, shackled to a rhythm section as stiff as a post. Including the singles Fighting Fit and We Could be Kings, it is a creditable effort that lacks, for the most part, a broader sense of purpose.

CYNDI LAUPER Sisters of Avalon (Epic 485370 £13.99)

ALTHOUGH a trouper on stage and still one of pop's brightest treasures, Cyndi Lauper has yet to find a modern musical direction that balances her naturally effervescent charm with her status as a mature recording artist. Aided by her new musical soulmate, Jan Pulsford, who

has co-written and co-produced most of Sisters of Ava-lon, Lauper applies a contemporary sheen to songs such as Say a Prayer, with its slightly jazzy leanings, and Love to Hate, a mild rant during which she complains about "fashion fascists out in

But there is a subdued feeling to the album as a whole. It is beautifully done, but it would be nice to think she has not had all the old ebullience knocked out of her.

NUYORICAN SOUL Nuporican Soul (Talkin' Loud/Mercury 534 451 £18.49) DEFYING categorisation, Nuyorican Soul is a delight-fully unpredictable combina-tion of Latin, salsa, disco and jazz, all brought together by the remix duo of "Little" Louie

Vega and Kenny "Dope"

Embracing with equal en-thusiasm the suave club sounds of New York and the pulsating fiesta rhythms of Puerto Rica (hence "Nuyor-ican"). Vega and Gonzalez have recruited a stellar cast of guest musicians, including Roy Ayers, Tito Puente, Jocelyn Brown, George Ben-son, Hilton Ruiz, Jazzy Jeff and Vincent Montana. The sounds are not so much blended as rotated: relaxed, conventional jazz swing one minute (on Gotta New Life), fierce Latin percussion fireworks the next (on Habriendo El Dominante), with turntable

curn's cratch (on Jazzy Jeff's Theme) after that. While applauding the remarkable range of sounds and styles, one wonders if listeners will be as open-minded as the makers. Marketing it will surely be a nightmare.

DAVID SINCLAIR

The future is Blurred

Once again, Damon Albarn has

magine how hard it is to get famous in the first L place. There are so many songs that are famous, countless faces you'd recognise, but how do you achieve a level of fame where beoble know what you stand for? Gina G's famous, but no one knows anything about her. The Spice Girls' stance has been taken as a new movement - Giri Power - but what's that all

about? Doing kung-fu kicks and wearing short skirts is hardly a manifesto for life. So let's look at Blur's reinvention on their new album, such a divergence from their

previous work that it smacks of trying to become famous all over again. Of course, rebirth comes naturally to Blur: written off as chancers too poppy for their own good, they had to start again from scratch on their second album, Modern Life is Rubbish. When you look again at Star-Shaped. their tour video from that time, it shows a band trying to define itself by rejecting everything that was "in" at the time grunge, glamrock, baggy

and dance. Sound familiar? At the very end of Star-Shaped, Blur tacked on all their videos from There's No Other Way to Sunday Sunday. As two years' worth of

shown Oasis and the rest the way singles flash by, what amazes deliberate attempt to shed

is how utterly Blur brough about all the iconography of Britpop - red buses, cups of tea, worn suits. Fred Perry shirts, slightly straggly Mod haircuts, a belief that Britain was worth sticking up for, and pop songs that reclaimed the Kinks, the Beatles,

XTC, Madness and the Pistols at a time when these songwriters were all but Having succeed-

ed so entirely with this that, in 1997. you can't listen to the Top 40 without hearing the Beatles, Kinks and Madness influences, Blur are, yet again.

in the position where they have to seek out new things to reclaim and rejoice in. This time it's the as-yet unplundered Bowie albums, the Specials, Colourbox, Krautrock America's more introspective heroes, such as Pavement.

It has been argued that Blur is too wilful, that it is a

from the Blur/Oasis wars. But there are several important

points to be made: You can grow too famous. This is something Damon Albam seems to have realised possibly around the time that paparazzi holiday

pictures of his girlfriend's breasts were splashed all

over the tabloids. If you make tabloidfriendly music, then the tabloids will claim your life for their own. Albarn appears to want his face and name MORAN Blur could have released a "best of"

album and retired after The Great Escape. They could have disappeared for three years and lost all momentum. Instead, they decided to do something completely new, barely a year after their last album.

Blur are at their best when they work at counterpoint to everything that's happening in

the mainstream. This is why The Great Escape was a fairly disappointing album - what Blur did was being done by everyone else, from Oasis to Menswear. Blur is a splendid ano mrilling album because throws everything else around it into sharp relief. The bright On your Own; the bleak Strange News from Another Star and dub Death of a Party have raised the stakes; the pressure will now be on Oasis,

and their other rivals, to match Blur's inventiveness. Blur's raison d'être is to infuse British music with restlessness. Just as we were getting comfy with the fact that London is swinging again. Blur have knocked all complacency out of the water. Bands sound their best on the run - and Blur sound like they've lapped everyone else. and moved the finishing post back another 600 yards, just to make things more interesting.

Despite its immediate entry at No l, I shouldn't imagine Blur will be a massive hit. But by the time Albarn pens the follow-up, everyone will be wearing baggy skater-trousers, experimenting with dub and feedback, and hanging out with Pavement. Blur have defined the Zeitgeist again. Just you watch.

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The sense of ebusiveness and temporality that Kim Brandstrup brings to his work for Arc Dance Company is also present in Eidolon, his commissioned creation for Rambert. The ballet feels like a Bergman film, in which interior landscapes are the setting for familiar scenarios which unfold with the imperma-

A man asleep on a bed is visited by the apparition (the eidolon of the title) of a Woman in Red. Like the hero of La Sylphide, "I" is obsessed with

capturing this ephemeral embodiment of female desirability. Shadows and Creatures hover over I's bed and taunt him; a woman of flesh and blood (the Girl in Grey) is cast aside in favour of her phantom rival.

The action takes place be-hind a scrim, multing the dance and distancing the audience from its impact. Even the

subdued as an amorphous gloom is erected around I and the inhabitants of his dream. The Woman in Red, as prim

and proper as a Victorian governess, is illusory but contradictory, whisking her long skirt out of I's desperate grasp and then beckoning to him. Jan de Schynkel's dogged pur-suit never flags, yet — in a nence and strangely connected triumph of perversity over logic of dreams. desire — when

Warsop does become real he no longer wants

Rambert Dance Like all Brandstrup's work. Eidolon has heaps Apollo, Oxford of atmosphere.

Like most of his ballets, it has a disorientating score, a collaborative effort from the Danish composer Kim Helweg (played live by the fine London Music). And although the puritanism of Brandstrup's work can be draining, Eidolon does show him working harder to give his dancers a more physical



Didy Veidman and Paul Liburd in Stream, Christopher Bruce's new work for Rambert

Rambert's dancers are ideal raw material for any choreographer. Superbly trained, physically strong and emotionally sharp, they can do just about anything. In Stream, Christopher Bruce's new addition to the Rambert repertoire. they throw themselves into a full-bodied study in abstraction. The music is by Philip Chambon, who provided the score for Bruce's phenomenal-

the Rambert spring tour. Chambon's electronic hand claps, tidal waves and rolls of thunder suggest little more than rhythmic variety.

Rambert's artistic director is an adept and versatile choreographer, and particularly astute at stylish packaging (you need look no further than Rooster, his Rolling Stones ballet which closes the evening). Stream alternates beis currently being revived for and robust muscularity, and

punctuates its phrasing with punchy flourishes.

The men are strong and agile, the women elegant and statuesque. Solos are entertainingly suggestive, ensembles build into stimulating peaks of physical exertion. And Bruce plays his emotional cards just right, laying down aces to grab the audience's attention whenever the game of abstraction starts to drag.

DEBRA CRAINE

The visiting conductor Philippe Herreweghe tells Hilary Finch about his love for many musics

Been there, played that, moved on

Belgian conductor Philippe Herreweghe has collected more people than most in addition to his choir, the Collegium Vocale (formed forerunners), La Chapelle Royale (French Baroque and Classical choral works) and the Orchestre des Champs-Elysées (19th-century symphonic repertoire), he has formed two other ensembles.

concentrating on Renaissance and 20th-century music. The first three groups will appear together in London on Monday, performing Berlioz's L'Enfance du Christ. Not surprisingly, Herre-

weghe has always balked at specialisation. Although as a child he had been immersed in what he remembers as a "bain choral", singing Palestrina, Bach and Schütz, and conducting them from the age of 12, he chose to study medicine and psychiatry, and leave Bach cantatas to his spare time. Then he heard Gustav "I felt immediately that we should be singing Bach the

way he was playing it, with a type of voice production which would enable the right tuning, the right articulation." Three years later he met Ton Koopman in a café in Amsterdam. We'd spend whole weekends together just studying one Bach chorale." Still with largely amateur forces, they put on a performance of Bach's St John Passion - and Leonhardt was in the queue tickets. He invited Herreweghe to join him conducting the great Bach cantata



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series and, by the age of 24, Herreweghe was a full-time

But he soon became restless Concentrating on the Baroque was beginning to make him feel "dried-out, like a robot".

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religious music, not music of a certain period," Herreweghe says. "What I needed was music that nourished me, and Schumann, Brahms, Bruckner, Webern and Boulez than the minor contemporaries of Bach. Composers like Telemann are what furniture is to sculpture." At 35 Herreweghe formed

"What had always been in-

portant for me was, after all,

the Orchestre des Champs-Elysées. They began by working on the choral works of Mozart, Haydn and Mendelssohn, and then moved on to the symphonic repertoire. This has meant abandoning a field lively with new discoveries and voyaging into the known. "There is, for example, no undiscovered Schumann writing in the 19th century. With little-known Baroque motels, one can make one's mark as the best in the world!" As for Berlioz's trilogy. L'Enfance du Christ, "its es-

sential quality is its lack of "Berlioz wrote the second part first, as a joke. The Flight to Egypt was in the archaic styl a pastiche; he even published it under a pseudonym as composed in 1679. But it was so successful that he decided five years later, to write a first part, and finally a third. Berlioz was an archetype of Romantic genius. He wrote something nobody had written before - and which no one

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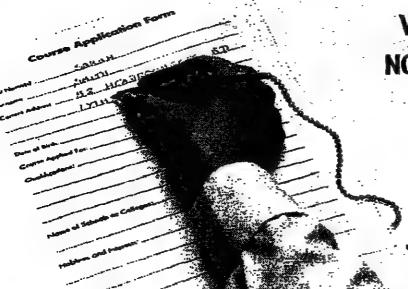
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information revolution hit schools in 1992, the eventual aim was to produce league tables from all the national curriculum tests, as well as from GCSE and A level. Until Tuesday, few people outside Conservative Central Office realised that the dream was still alive. Despite some pressure from the right wing of the party for publication of seven-year-olds' results. most observers assumed that next

month's tables at 11 marked the end of education's statistical adventure. There would then be tables for both primary and secondary education. Three days on, there are to be tables not just at seven, but at 14 as well, no matter who wins the general election. There will also be

a new range of targets, both at national level and for individual John Major's "secret garden" of education will be well and truly

2 3 1 () Rely open to the public, but mugan this be a case of information overwhat the extra tables will show or about who wants the information? For all the objections of the

teaching profession, the case for tables at Il has always been clear. The tests mark the end of primary schooling in most parts of England, and the results will provide the first objective information on the sector. Gillian Shephard, the Education

and Employment Secretary, has gradually won acceptance for the exercise. And though more than 1,000 schools failed to submit their teachers' assessments of their pupils, the test results will appear virually intact.

ecturers

Realists in the profession knew that these tables would come eventually. Even when ministers withdrew their plans to publish the results of national curriculum tests in the summer of 1993 at the height of the teachers' boycott, it was asinstated when the tests had bedded down".

those for seven and 14-year-olds, where there are particular problems. With the younger age group, these centre on the accuracy of the results and the likely nature of the tables; at the later stage, it is a matter of finding a universal measure and creating some interest

There should be plenty of interest in infants schools' results since these are what the most inexperienced parents are choosing. But because about 80 per cent of sevenyear-olds reach the expected level of the curriculum in English and mathematics (level 2), most schools will be inseparable if the tables follow the pattern used at !!.

Unlike the other national curriculum tests, those at seven are still administered over the course of a term and marked by the school's own teachers. Though samples are checked externally, once the results are published in tables, it is surely only a matter of time before their validity is questioned. Perhaps the most significant

differences shown up in the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority's analysis of last summer's tests were between summer-born children and those who had been at school for a longer period. There was a gap of more than 20 per cent between the marks of those with August birthdays and others born in September. This suggests that until the assessment of children starting school has grown into a value-added system, the results will say as much about entrance policies and nursery provision as about the schools themselves.

At 14, there is no convenient point in the curriculum on which to base tables; an average pupil is expected to be between levels five and six. But even if the logistical problems are overcome, it is hard to imagine newspapers publishing another set of secondary school results that tant ones they already produce. Who, outside the school itself,



Boys doing a standard assessment test. Now the Government wants to publish national SAT results

really cares about the results of 14year-olds' tests? A straw poll of head teachers this week failed to produce one who had ever been asked about them by a prospective parent. John Dunford, the head of Durham Johnston High School, in Durham, said: "Parents have their eyes on GCSE and A levels, not standard assessment tests. They have never been raised with me."

If the Conservatives thought their league table proposals would provide more of the elusive "clear blue water" between the parties on education, they were soon disappointed. The Labour Party, though restricting itself to local publication, immediately matched the commitment.

ment tied to current spending plans and relying on a reordering of pri-

orities to realise Tony Blair's "passion for education", one might have expected a more critical response. Schools are aiready required to publish their test results in annual reports. Party spokesmen might even have questioned whether we need the expensive paraphernalia of national testing at 14 at all.

ests at this age undoubted-ly are valuable as a pointer to the readiness of pupils for GCSE and have had the useful side-effect of stopping schools using the early years of secondary education as a dumping ground for their weakest staff. But the millions spent on a national system, producing results that aton, could surely be better employed.

Labour would not pursue such

Weed out the bad teachers

Susan Elkin approves of appraisal

teacher

o Gillian Shephard and John Major have decreed that teacher appraisal is to be a means of identifying and weeding out poor teachers. Not

before time. Early in 1990 I was interviewed by a local authority project leader with a view to my becoming a seconded appraisal trainer for schools in my area. It was a pilot scheme in my local education authority area two years before teacher appraisal arrangements were adopted na-tionally. I was not appointed.

Some months later, the successful appointee arrived at our school. Her duty was to initiate us into the mysteries of apprais-

al. And I learnt, with incredulity, that appraisal was to be entirely kindly and benign. Teachers' interests were clearly paramount. Pupils were hardly mentioned. No one's salary or promotion prospects would depend on the outcome of his or her appraisal. Anyone who did not care for the

appraiser his head first thought of was entitled to negotiate an alternative. All of this was eventually enshrined, at the cost of several acres of rainforest, by the Education Department.

What a fiasco. No wonder I wasn't taken on. I had mistaken appraisal for something to do with ascertaining how effective a teacher is. But, no - appraisal for teachers was apparently to be a bland process of reassur-

ance. In effect: useless. Welcome then is the news that teacher appraisal is, at last, to have some bite. And, of course, it does not matter which party gets elected, because in the current pre-election fever, we all know that whatever Mrs Shephard and Mr Major say this week will be echoed next by Messrs Blumkett and Blair, or vice versa. A competent teacher can, we are toid, control a class, maintain interestingly and get children through examinations. Quite. An estimated 13,000 teachers, or 4 per cent of the profession. fall short in some of these areas. And there is a finy proportion of inadequate teachers in every school, as any honest colleague will admit. Staff, parents and pupils are all aware that it's bad news if you hannen to get Mr X for mathematics or Miss Y for English. The problems range from a person's being temperamentally unsuited to teaching, not fit enough mentally or

physically for the job to cope with its multifarious demands, to being just plain lazy. I've taught on the same staff as teachers whose shricking menager les are so far out of control that the pupils could be heard from the other end Then there are

those who rarely, if ever, do any marking or who dish out worksheets while they sit at the front of the class reading a newspaper. Or those who are so

dull that every pupil detests worked in a school that did not have one or two of these types. The problem with using ap

praisal as an ousting tool is that teachers, about 96 per cent of whom have nothing whatever to fear, are unlikely to co-operate. The unions will howl in outrage on their members' behalf and there are many individuals who would rather quietly "carry" a weak colleague than see him or her dismissed. Misplaced altruism, surely, because that attitude cannot be good for children's

education? If this new policy is to succeed, the nature of teacher appraisal must change drastically to something akin to enforced inspection of an individual's performance by a senior colleague.

How splendid it would be if "New Appraisal" could be implemented quickly. But I'm

Did Eton invent the perfect game for the East End?

Jason Cowley

on attempts to introduce

Eton fives to the inner city

s you head west out of Bethnal Green station in London's East End. one building stands out amid Victorian terraces and desolate council tower blocks: Repton Boys Club. Founded in 1884 by Repton, a Derbyshire public school, and occupying the site of an old washhouse, it is a monument to an era when the great boarding schools in a spirit of paternalism established mis-

sions in the inner cities. Eton, Charterhouse, Tunbridge, Ampleforth, Harrow and Shrewsbury — all set up clubs and societies for the urban poor. Now an attempt to revive this spirit is being made by the Eton Fives Associ-ation. which seeks to bring fives, the handball game, to a new audience. Played by pairs in a three-walled court, Eton fives originated, naturally enough, at Eton College. The court, with its buttress, split level and oblique angles, is based on an area outside Eton hapel where for centuries boy's played a ball game with

hare hands. Michael Constantinidi, the chairman of the Eton Fives Association, believes it is a perfect game for the inner cities and is seeking a National Lottery grant in an attempt to broaden its appeal. The problem is," he says, that the game is played only in the big established schools and older universities. But it would be ideal for the inner cities: it is energetic, it occupies little space and the courts are relatively inexpensive to build. The equipment la small, hard ball made of cork and rubber, and padded gloves) also does

nut cost a lot." Mr Constantinidi says that the association is seeking an initial grant of £100,000. "If we got the money," he adds, "we could build a court on the side of a tower block, or fund a



A game of fives at St Olave's School, Orpington: soon East Enders could join in

special project at a school. You would need only about £30,000 to build two courts."

The world has not rushed to embrace fives, possibly regarding its bizarre court and rules as, just another English eccentricity, like barristers wigs. One could easily dismiss the aspirations of the Eton Fives Association as eccentric, were it not for the missionary zeal of Jim Cogan. An English teacher at Westminster

School and founder We could of Schools Partnership Worldwide, an organisation build a that encourages young adults to forge links with the Third World, he court on the side draws inspiration from the pioneer-ing work of the Vicof a tower torian paternalists. block' Mr Cogan says:

"Many leading public schools used to have missions in the inner cities that were well-funded and well-supported. But most public school people now think that the inner cities are not safe places to visit.

"Underpinning what we are trying to do is a concern about the impoverishment of our inner cities and the limited opportunities available to poor children, especially when compared with the extravagant resources available to the better-off. The issue of wealthy

institutions sitting on resources that are not available to anyone else concerns me." On a windswept winter's

evening, the streets surrounding Repton Boys Club are empty. There is a pervading sense of neglect. Many of the buildings are semi-derelict. But inside the club young boys of many racial backgrounds, watched by their fathers, are training hard: jogging, skip-

ping and sparring. "The Repton", as the locals call it, is now a thriving boxing club, which has produced several world champions. According to

Tony Burns, a former boxer who has rum the club for the past 30 years, it provides many boys with a focal point and sense of discipline" in an area which knows only pover-

ty and inequality.
Yet what chance has fives of catching on? Mr Cogan says: There is no reason why innercity children should not enjoy playing it. It is very popular, for instance, in Nigeria, where they play with a tennis ball. Football, rugby, lawn tennis and squash are all versions of elinst games."

Though Repton School no

longer directly funds The

Repton, it still has ties with

Bethnai Green. The charity, the University Trust, which runs the club, holds its AGM at the school, and Mr Burns takes children on tours of the Derbyshire village.

Graham Jones, the Headmaster of Repton School, considers it important for children from more privileged backgrounds to understand the difficulties of inner-city life. "As part of our support for the club," he says, "boys from the East End used to visit Repton and use the school's facilities. About five years ago, we also set up a scheme making available an assisted place here for someone from the East End. It is important to remember that late Victorian instinct for doing good work."

Back at the Repton club.
Mr Burns nods approvingly as a wiry adolescent in a grey vest cuts through the defence of his opponent with a sharp jab. For kids like him," Mr Burns says, "the Repton offers a way out. There isn't any discipline in schools.

"We teach the boys selfrespect, fitness and how to conduct themselves. Some go on to become fighters, but just as many escape to be money brokers in the City. Those public schools that set up missions did a lot of good, and we are still benefiting from their legacy."

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HR Director

an argument, however, because it

opens the door to one of its great

fears: the charge that it would be

soft on standards. Instead, local

authorities will be obliged to pro-

The secondary school league tables may still be derided by

teachers, but they are popular with

parents. A study by Dr Anne West, of the London School of Economics,

published this week, found that 90

per cent of parents choosing a

school had seen the tables, even if

some did not understand them. The

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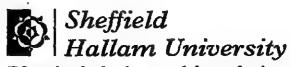
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Grand prix teams are divided by money row

the run-up to the grand prix participation and there were season, typified by the extravery even rumours of them atagant launch of the new McLaren-Mercedes at the Alexandra Palace in London last night, was overshadowed yesterday by news that three of the most famous teams in the pit lane are facing combined losses of nearly £100 million because of a feud with their Formula One rivals.

Williams, the reigning constructors' champions, Me-Laren and Tyrrell have all been frozen out of the latest incarnation of the Concorde Agreement, the document that defines the rules and rewards of the sport.

Each of the three teams originally refused to sign the agreement, apparently because they were unhappy with the amount of money that Bernie Ecclestone, 65, the promoter who has turned Formula One into the sport with the biggest global television audience in the world, was taking for himself and because they were worried about the provisions for his successor.

When the other seven teams eligible to be signatories agreed to the improved terms offered them and gave their assent to the document, the three dissidents found themselves out in the cold, deprived of a huge share of the money from television contracts and the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) prize-fund that makes up a significant part of their annual funding.

The Concorde Agreement divides the sport's financial rewards into two parts. The first part is split into two halves, the first divided equally among the signatories, the other among both signatories and non-signatories. The sectwo halves paid out according to the previous season's results and on results achieved

Williams, McLaren and Tyrrell gambled on the FIA

THE glitz and the glamour of championship without their tempting to set up a separate series. Now it appears that they are desperate to rejoin the ever, delighted with the extra revenue they are receiving, are reluctant to let them back in and the Concorde Agreement requires a unanimous vote for that to happen. At their last they voted unanimously not to re-admit the rebels.

Frank Williams, the Williams owner, said yesterday that it was possible the issue might have to be resolved in court "It could be over in a week or it could take two years," he said. "If it goes to court, it will be very long and very expensive, but God forbid it goes that far.
There is a great deal of

money involved in the whole mulitply it by five years. But no deal on the table. Eight days after we opted out, a very lucrative offer was made to the other teams. They think it is Christmas now because they have got a lot more money.

"Nobody gets a mortgage without knowing the figures and the terms were not clear so we were not happy about signing originally. Subsequent to our withdrawal, a statement was outlined which made things much more satisfactory and it would be in everyone's interests if things

Max Mosley, the president of the FLA, also said he was keen to find a solution. "I think they [the rebels] probably regret their actions and I am doing everything I can to bring them back into the fold."
That fold will include Alain

Prost, the four-times world champion. Prost will announce today that he has taken over the French Ligier team, which will be renamed Prost Grand Prix before the start of this season in Austranot being able to run the lia on March 9.



Richard Krajicek, of Holland, powers his way to victory over Javier Sanchez, of Spain, in Dubai yesterday

Cash finds little charity at home

THE life of a tennis professional is a nomadic existence at the best of times, but for Pat Cash it is worse than most. After losing to Wayne Ferreira 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 yesterday in the second round of the Dubai Open, he is now truly wandering through the wilderness. For the first time in years he is fit and ready to launch a serious attempt at yet another comeback, but with a ranking of No 755, he is all dressed up with nowhere to play.

Yesterday he proved that, men, he can still compete with the best - the problem is getting that chance. Now 31, his great moment of glory at Wimbledon in 1987 is just a memory and he is relying on the generosity of tournament directors around the world to what Cash has to offer. It has

tour events. That generosity is wearing a little thin, especially

"It's just a matter of getting a couple of matches under my belt," he said. "Ideally, I'd like to play another three or four tournaments and get through a few rounds and then I could start to do better. I'm asking for wild cards and seeing what happens, but I don't know from week to week where I'm going and that makes it tough. Some places are happy to have me and some aren't."

In Australia at the start of the year he found the door firmly shut. He asked for a wild card to the Australian Open and only got one after some debate and waiting, but when it came to the warm-up events no one wanted to know. As for the Davis Cup set-up, they have long since forgotten

a regular on the tennis circuit that he believes that the general public is convinced that he

retired years ago.
Since he lives in London and practises at Queen's Club. Cash feels more a part of the British order than his own. 'I've not been made welcome by Davis Cup captains in Australia, which is disappointing," he said. "I've been invited to practise with the British teams and British guys more or less whenever I want to, but I've never been invited by Tennis Australia to do

anything at all, which is sad." offend the powers-that-be back home, Cash's only aim these days is to play tennis and stay fit. Against Ferreira there were flashes of the Cash of old:

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With so little match play behind Cash, though, it was asking too much of him to sustain it. His errors cost him dear as Ferriera began to play better, but if Cash's body has let him down over the years, the spirit stays as strong as ever and he fought off five match-points before finally giving in to the inevitable.

When it comes to Goran Ivanisevic, the inevitable temper tantrums are never far away. Yesterday he struggled as much with his mood as with Bohdan Ulihrach, of the Czech Republic, picking up a ing the quarter-finals with a 7-6, 6-4 victory. He will have to keep his temper in check if he is to get past Boris Becker, bustling, powerful serve-and-volley stuff that took him to a 5-0 lead in the first set as tralia, 7-6, 6-1.

Slalom failure dents Wiberg's medal bid

PERNILLA WIBERG, the leading skier this season on the World Cup circuit, straddled a gate and went out in the first slalom run of the women's combined event at the world skiing championships in Sestriere yesterday, which, after four of the five women's events, makes it likely that she will finish without a medal. The downhill leg of the combined event was called off earlier because of high winds and is

rescheduled to be be held this morning.

Wiberg, 26, of Sweden, is the defending world and Olympic champion in combined and leads the World Cup standings in overall, slalom and super giant slalom. Wiberg's disappointing runs have seen her fail to gain places in stalom after going out in the second run. In super the giant stalom, she was seventh and in giant stalom sixth. The three-time world champion will have her final chance in the downhill on Saturday — the final day of the championships. She will not, however, be among the favourites, having never won a World Cup downhill.

Graf withdraws

TENNIS: Steffi Graf has failed to shake off a knee injury in time to play in a tournament in Hanover next week. The women's world No l, who injured her left knee during an event in Tokyo last month, said yesterday: "I must think of the long term future. I do not want to make a murried return only for my knee to get worse."

Greg Rusedski continued his recent winning run with an easy straight-sets win over Alejandro Hernandez, of Mexico, in the first round of the San José Open in California.

Waugh fares well

Cricket: Steve Waugh, right, made a spectacular 72 off 44 balls in a one-day match against Nicky Oppenhel-mer's Invitation XI to help the Australians make a winning start to their tour of South Africa at Randjesfontein yesterday. Australia declared on 284 for seven, with their opening batsmen. Matthew Haydon (60) and Matthew Elliott (91) putting on 124 for the first wicket. In spite of a brilliant 133 by Nell McKenzie, the Invita-tion XI lost by 19 runs.



Fogarty falls

Motorcycling: Carl Fogarty, of Great Britain, crashed twice on his Ducati during Superbike testing at Laguna Seca in California yesterday. He hit his head in the morning and then, in the afternoon, fell again. "I came down on my head and back and hurt my ribs," Fogarty said. "It was a real pity because I was starting to enjoy riding and I was on for a quick lap for sure." He had to settle for a fastest lap of Imin 26.893sec, more than 0.7sec behind John Kocinaid, of the United States.

Quarterback switch

American football: The Scottish Claymores announced join them as a quarterback for World League season and not John Kitna, of Seattle Seahawks, as they had said on Wednesday. Fischer, who was ranked second in all-time passing yardage (9,021) and touchdowns (48) at Duke University, will vie with Dave Barr, of the San Francisco 49ers, for the Claymores starting quarterback place in the new season, which begins in April.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Most of the slam hands that we have looked at over the past few weeks have been extremely good contracts - 1 think the worst one was a better than 75 per cent shot. What odds do you need when bidding a slam? The mathematics varies a

little depending on vulnerability and the form of scoring but in general a small slam has to be better than about 50 per cent for it to be worth bidding. Say Six Spades was a 50 per cent contract. That means that if you played it twice in slam you would expect to make once and go down once. Not vulnerable at rubber bridge, a game is worth about 300 points. So you score +980 when you make it (180 below the line and 300 for the invisible game bonus), and -50 when you go down, for net +930 in two tries.

If you stay in Five and make Six you will score 180 below the line and 300 for the game honus, making 480 points. If you only make eleven tricks you score 450 points. So in two attempts you would also make 930 points. Thus when the slam is 50 per cent it makes no difference in the long run whether you bid it or not. (A great difference in the short run though.)

You need better odds for a grand slam. You are usually risking losing a sure small slam bonus. Generally speaking odds of around 70 per cent are needed. The calculation is similar to the one I have described above. If the grand

is about 70 per cent your average gain is the same whether you bid it or stay in a small slam. Of course it is often difficult to judge how good a grand is during the bidding; you will not go far wrong if you bid grand slams only when you judge them to be lay-down.

It is important in a grand slam to have a more or less solid trump suit. Here is an example of a specialised technique for ensuring that.

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When East raises to Three Spades. West's hand becomes enormous. All he is interested in is whether his partner has the ace-king of trumps, so he jumps directly to 5 NT - the Grand Slam Force. That asks East to bid Seven Spades with two of the top three honours, otherwise to sign off in Six Spades.

Say against Seven Spades North leads a club to South's queen. West ruffs and crosses to dummy twice in trumps to ruff two more clubs in hand. Then if there are still trumps outstanding he can cross to the ten of hearts to draw them. He makes four trumps in dummy, three ruffs in hand, five heart tricks and the ace of diamonds. It is an example of

"dummy reversal". ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS COSUMS PONDENT

for consistent success at the highest level is a profound knowledge of opening theory. Garry Kasparov, the world champion, is. indeed, celebrated for the extraordinary depth to which he analyses in advance the sharp systems he Although British grandmasters

have succeeded in establishing themselves as amongst the very best in the world and have frequently captured the silver medals cannot truly be said that extensive opening preparation is one of their tings, is a notable exception but ov home-soun systems designed more to unrow us. opposition of balance than to out-analyse

In the following game grand-naster Michael Adams, Britain's No 2 player, essays a somewhat rustic system against Kasparov. Far from being thrown off balance Kasparov obtains a small but clear advantage from the opening and never relaxes his grip. White: Garry Kasparov

Linares, February 1997 Alekhine's Defence 4 N/3 5 Nxe5 Nd7 9 Bb3 Nc7 c5 11 c4 12 h3

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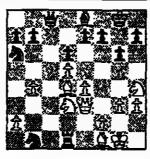
On Saturday March 22, I will take on all-comers in a simultaneous to take place in the boardroom of St George's Hospital, Tooting, Landon SW17. The goal is to raise funds for the St George's Hospital Hold My Hand appeal which aims to raise El million for their Children's Intensive Care Unit. Details and entry forms are available from Lucy de Ville. The Appeal Office. St George's Haspital (tel: 0181-725 5096). The cut-off date for entries is Saturday March 15 and only 30

☐ Raymand Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

White to play. This position is from the game Andestein - Adams. lorland 1994. As well as being Norway's top grandmaster, Simen Agdestein has also played international football for How did he nut the ball in the back of the net in this game from his match against Britain's Michael

By Raymond Keene



GHENT: Ricch indoor tour: First leg: Men (GB unless stated): 60m; 1, 8 Surin (Carl) 6 S2/se; 2, R Stewart (Jam) 6.54; 3, D Ezims (Nigeria) 6.57 200m; 1, E Wymeersch (Bel) 2.66; 2, G Moon (Nor) 20 92; 3, D Tumer (GB) 21.08 400m; 1, J Bautch, GB 45 45, 2, D Hall (US) 46 48; 3, S Bada (Nigeria) 46 60 Mile; 1, H el Guerrou (Mor) 3mm; 48 45sec (world focord); 2, C Impers (Bel) 3.54; 2, J Mesch (Fr) 3.58, 9, 6, M Yates (GB) 4/33 08. 80m hardles; 1, C Jackson, 7.54sec; 2, D Ross (US) 7.58, 3, S Brown (US 7.50), Long jump; 1, I Pedricso (Cubal 9.40m; 2, J Becklord (Jamaica) 8, 14; 3, E Nig (Bel) 7.33, Pote vasut; 1, O Brits (SA) 5.80m; 2, V Strogside (Plass) 5.75; 3, A Throntschik (Ger) 5.50. Women: 60m; 1, I Praviova (Pussa) 57 02; 2, C Opara (Nigera) 7.02; 3, J Cuthbert (Jam) 7.28, 800m; 1, M Mutota (Moz) Imin 56 47sec; 2, N Dufrinova (Beles) 200 12; 3, L Ynesde (Sur) 200,13, 60m hurdles; 1, M Freeman (Jam) 7.94sec; 2, G Russel (Jam) 8.05; 3, C Duckey (US) 8.07.

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MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): America 105 Toronto 84, Charlotte 113 New Jersey 100; Conedarro 55 Indiano 75; Dumpi 96 Orlando 87, AL Lakers 100 Microsoto 84, Vancouver 105 Sen Antonio 101; Phoeno: 171 Beston 100 European 100 Sen Antonio 101; Phoeno: 171 Beston 100 European 101 Charlottes (France) 77 Labijana (Slovena) 71 Group H: Bercelona 75 Partizan Belgrade 73

CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Holbart (trard day of four) South Australia 387 and 127-3 (M Feut 63 not out): Tasmaria 248 (R T Ponting 126.3 LC Southon 5-43).

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BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Bir ningtam v Thames Valley (7 30) SNOOKER: International Open (v Abordoent

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DUBAI: Men'a tournament: First round: J Courier (US) bt A Medvedev (UN) 8-3, 6-3; S Stollo (Aus) bt D Rid (C2) 7-5, 6-3; H-J Davids (Holl) bt R Furlan (f) 6-4, 7-6; G Nanisevic (Cro) bt Y B Ayrason (Mor) 6-3, 6-4. Second round: C Ruad (Nor) bt H Gurry (Arg) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt M Sinner (Gar) 6-4, 6-4.

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PARTS: Women's tournament: Second round: M Hingis (Switz) bt S Fanna (ft) 6-3, 6-4; Majol (Cro) bt AG Stott (Fr) 6-4, 6-3; M Pierce (Fr) wito A Gens (Cz) str; J Novotria (Cz) bt K Bogoet (Ful) 6-2, 6-4; A Huber (Gen) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 6-3, 6-2; N Tauzas (Fr) bt K Habbusdova, Stovelsto) 6-4, 7-6; Y Besuki (Indo) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Hol) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; D van Littleien (Bel) bt D Draper 6-0, 6-2; T Spinks II I Tockychrey (Plass) 8-4, 6-7, 7-5; A Flohandson bt R Chess (US) 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; A Flohandson (Aus) bt P Erhandt (Gen) 6-4, 6-1, T

Foster bt M Hentschtk (Ger) 1-8, 6-4, 7-6; T.
Lerktern (Aus) bt P Entant (Ger) 6-4, 6-1, T.
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Katola (Fin) 6-3, 6-4; D. van Utselen (Bel) bt.
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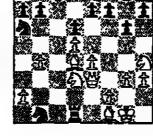
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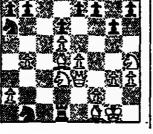
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THE uncertainty which has surrounded leading hopes for this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup continued at Thurles yesterday when Dorans Pride made the first serious mistake of his chasing career - and thereby added to the confusion facing punters.

Hourigan-trained nine-yearold had fenced superbly and looked like running out the easy winner of the Kinloch Brae Chase until he tipped up at the penultimate fence, when four lengths clear of his rivals. Dorans Pride put in an extra stride approaching the fence. got in too close and took a heavy fall, but appeared none the worse afterwards.

"I think he would have won

Nap: SPLENDID THYNE

(1.30 Sandown Park) Next best: Certainly Strong (2.00 Sandown Park)

and so does Shane [Broderick). We will see how he is in the morning but no decision on the Gold Cup will be taken for a couple of weeks, and there would have to be cut in the ground for him at Chekenham," Hourigan said.

A quick look at Ladbrokes revised ante-post prices for the Gold Cup serves only to underline the quandary now facing backers. Imperial Call, who misses an intended engagement at Gowran Park tomorrow, remains the 7-2 favourite despite having suffered a badly interrupted campaign. Dorans Pride is still 4-1 while Danoli, a faller in two of his five chases, is 5-1 (from 6-1).

Dublin Flyer, arguably best at distances short of three. miles, is a 6-1 shot and Coome

Meritana, 4.05 Prinzel, 4.40 Kirtawi, Carl Evans: 4.05 Cab On Target.

(£2,740: 2m) (11 runners)

1.45 SHERINGBAN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

5-1, Scatter 5-1 Emeritat Venture, 6-1 Captain Mutoulinia, Sussent Villa, 7-5 Dr Davit, 5-7 Rich s Gamble, 12-1 others.

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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Sandown Park

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Facepot C356 80. Quadpot 592 30.

2.20 PRINCE CARLTON HANDICAP CHASE

THUNDERER

GOING: 8000



Juyush, nearside, clears the second on his way to a comfortable success in the Village Novices' Hurdle at Sandown Park yesterday

recently is on 8-1. The Grey Monk, who fell at Leopards-town last time, is a 12-1 chance with Mr Mulligan, who fell in the King George, and Addington Boy, beaten by Dublin Flyer in his last race.

Fortunately, the Champion Hurdle picture is much clearer and a fascinating insight into the race was offered at Sandown yesterday by Jamie Osborne, who has ridden both Collier Bay and Large Action to victory this season. Oliver Sherwood's stable jockey will partner Large Action at Chel-

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tenham, but he suggested discreefly that punters have probably got it right by having Collier Bay as favourite.

One is a 3-1 chance and the other is a 5-1 chance. Given what Collier Bay achieved last season and now that he has had a run he deserves to be iavourite, but if you are on a 5-I second favourite you have some chance of winning and I am not discounting Large Action as a potential Champion Hurdle winner.

"It is hard to equate the two horses because they have run

under different ground conditions. When Collier Bay ran at Towcester it was soft, while Large Action has won on fastish ground. I have been impressed with Large Action all season but I had to be impressed by Collier Bay last week. He will come on a lot for

Osborne was speaking after another Jim Old-trained horse, Juyush, had maintained his unbeaten record over hurdles in the opener at Sandown. Although he won by 21 lengths at odds of 6-1 on.

2.05 MORTHERN RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (52.285; 2m) (8 nomers)

5-2 Bond Salder, 3-1 Spounds, 4-1 Shodge Bonne, 5-1 Electic, 7-1 Electin, 8-1 For Spound, 12-1 others.

2.40 gorder ministrel sumpay lunch hovices chase (23,534: $2\mathrm{m}$ 40 (9)

5-2 Chapi Lave, 3-1 Buid Account, 6-1 Buil Tonic, 7-1 (Bindo, 8-1 Accounts) Date Bury, Le Durette, 12-5 others.

3, 15 HEIGHESSY COGNAC SPECIAL SERIES NOVICES

7-4 Abrain, 2-1 Good Vibes, 7-2 Dece Point, 8-1 California's Choice, 18-1 Merakii 12-1 Joseph Final.

3,50 NEW CHAMPAGNE & SEAFOOD RESTAURANT HARDECAP CRASE (53,388: 2m 110yd) (5)

5-4 Stept Strape, 2-1 Dat Irrege, 6-1 Memoir Fath, 8-1 Rebel King, 18-1 Pater Max.

HOSPADILE (\$56,148: 2m) (6)

Hurdle at Cheltenham. "Jamie said he was fright-

ened when another horse fell alongside him at the third flight of hurdles and some-thing jumped into him," Old said. "He switched off for a iump or two. We won't go for the Champion Hurdle and the ground will probably dictate which race he runs in at Cheltenham.

the ex-Flat horse will need to

improve his jumping to have

any chance in the Supreme

Novices or Royal SunAlliance

The Wroughton trainer is

thrilled with the way Collier Bay has come out of his Towcester race and, in selfmocking tones, he added: "Only I can muck it up now."

Coome Hill, Osborne's likeiy mount in the Gold Cup, will run in the Jim Ford Chase at Wincanton next Thursday provided there is decent ground. Osborne believes the Hennessy Gold Cup winner is not without a chance but added: "If he's got a chance in the Gold Cup, he must be a good thing in the Grand National with 10st 6lb!"

2.55 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT MOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: 62,701: 2m 41) (8) D-30 APPO, SEMERTH 28 J North 6-11-0. 1-65 ARCTIC TRUMPH 15 (6) M Banksock 6-11-0. 0-02 CLUTTON 25 Robby 6-11-0. 00 HELIOVAN BAY 28 L Workington 5-13-0. 802 PEACE LOND 24 (5) Mrs D Fairs 7-13-0. 405 SUPER RAPER 81 6 Habbar 3-13-0. 145 THE LIGHT CAPTAIN 15 (8) D Thom's 10-0. THUNDERER 2.05 Danbys Gorse, 2.40 Real Tonic, 3,15 I.45 Sousse, 2.20 Whose Wonder, 2.55 Clinton, 3.30 ALZULU (nap), 3.50 Dual image, 4.20 Crown Equarry, 4.55 Generous Streek.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,378; 3m 110yd) (7)

1 -000 CAMPUTER LANGE 15 Mrs. L. Jamell 7-10-10 D Landy
2 -4-44 FLEPPANCE 15 N Garator 7-10-10 W Mirrator
3 2939 JUNCH JUCK 39 (F.5) R Own 12-10-10 T Described (7)
4 F2-4 GRULESTON BLADE 18 (F.5) E Dest 10-10-10 for P O'Romin (7)
5 473- SHARFOW SAY 2007 A Hobbs 10-10-10 R Green
6 3-05 BERREIGHA 70 (F) G Hobbut 7-10-5 B French
7 8P AMLWARMEE 15 O Browne 3-10-5 W Browne 4-6 Filmons, 5-2 Method, 5-1 Referent (Refs. 10-) Classe Lon, Stewart So., 16-1 John Acid, 25-1 Milwadon.

4.05 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2.566: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

4.40 CROWER HANDICAP HURDLE

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2,988: 2m) (6)

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6-4 Land Intellements, 5-2 Marotem, 7-2 Martin, 5-1 Theliation Agine, 23-7 Mats Brooks.

SOUTHWELL THUNDERER

2.10 El Nido, 2.45 Absolute Magic. 3.20 State Of

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE GOING: STANDARD

Z. TU LAXTON HANDICAP (\$2,348; 2m) (9 runners)

19-4 Master Foodbroker, 4-7 Kleuterryse Est, 5-1 Politike, 8-1 El Alisto, B-1 La Masorquine, Flasco, 10-1 Mapengo. 12-1 others.

2,45 HARDWICK CLAIMING STAKES (£2,294: 1m) (14)

(\$2,294: 1ft) (14)

1 15-0 ASSOLUTE MARIC 42 (D.BF.F.B.S) W Higgs: 7-9-7 W Ryan 1
2 1651 JSSEPHS WINE 10 (B.CD.F.S) 0 Nichols 6-9-7 Alex Graves 2
3 1212 RAMBO WALTZER 4 (CD.BF.F.B.S) D Nichols 6-9-7 Alex Graves 2
4 66 LDST IN 19-F NCST / C Thomas 4-9-15. Data Medical (7) 13
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4 400- VWIDTHETHELISHAPRY 25-J Berry 4-9-15. C Loweller (7) 5
6 405- NIRKTHETH FRIH 4 (DLS) N Timber 5-9-8. . . S Minimoria 8
7 D0-1 SAPASS 42 (C.D.G.) M Camazino 5-8-9. . . C Carving Bales (7) 4
9 -000 MAJOR MOISE 14 (EDT.F.S) W High 9-9-5. . R Leppon 10
10 9-5 LDCHESS 19 (EDT.F.S) W High 9-9-5. . . R Advisor 6
11 59-4 CDMARW UP 22 J Hills 4-9-2. . . . M Advisor 6
12 0-43 SIDDY 25 (CD.G.) J Hetherton 4-8-2. . . N Empon 10
14 540- SCULDEN TYNE 208 Miles M Malfigan 4-9-1 . . J Carlon 11
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15 J. Jovann West, 4-1 R MINNE WARTE, 6-1 Absorbit Milatie, 8-1 Sanol, 10-1 5-2 Joseph's West, 4-1 Parties Walter, 6-1 Absolute Magic, 8-1 Swatt, 10-1 Whethereitshirty, Warters, 15-1 alors.

3.20 RAINWORTH HANDRCAP (£4,143: 1m) (10) 1. -R11 (DREICHEP BOY 11 (CD.F.S) M Ryum 8-9-11 (Sec)... A Clark 2 2 30-1 STATE OF CAUTION 18 (B.C.S) D Steer 4-9-10... J Preside 3 3 10005 MRTSCOME VENTURE 15 (CD.G.S) M Chapman 7-9-8 D R Matchine 4

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3.55 KRIGHY-BI-ASHFHELD FILLIES HANDICAP (£2,752; BI) (9)

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☐ Dato Star, trained by Malcolm Jefferson, has been ruled out for the rest of the season after a veterinary scan. The gelding was quoted at 141 for the Champion Hurdle. "He was scanned this morning and has got a slight suspensory strain," Jefferson said.

SANDOWN PARK

1.30 Quaen Of Spades 2.00 Cartainly Strong 2.35 Slingsby

3.10 Dantes Cavalle 3.45 Dextra Dove 4.50 Little Crumplin

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

1.30 FOX NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(£3,035: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

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2.00 SABRINA GOODWILL I LOVE YOU ALWAYS HANDICAP CHASE

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2.35 BADGER HOVICES CHASE (£3,420: 2m 4/ 110yd) (7 runners)

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3.10 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE / LOCKEYS ASSOCIATION SERVES HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,615; 2m 6f) (9 numbers) SEP-SEF BRASS OF MAR 14 (C.F.S.S) (Duese Elements) N H

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RACELINE SPECIALISTS ...

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Girley: good, good to soft in places 1.50 (2m 3l chq 1, Cover Point (P Curberry, 4-7 ter); 2, Singiting Home (p-2); 3, Albeit (50-7) 7 mar 52, Oats J / Rozgardick Tore: 21-30; 51-10, 51.70. DF: \$2.20. CSF: £3.16. 4.20 ST MODWEN NOVICES CHASE (63,680: 3m) (11) 2.30 (2m hole) 1, Ste Carlos (P Carlos), 4-9 lon); 2, Tassell (7-1); 3, Deby Pyrms (12-1) 13 ran 148, 71, 3 Februaris, Tota, P. Au; 21.10, P. 1.30, E1.40, DF: (2.20) Time (13.80) CSP: £4.20. CSF-94.20.
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TipAMPRS: J. Jellerum, 9 manus tem 21 manus, 29.0%, Mrs M. Revety, 33 lean 145, 22.0%; 6 Websale, 14 lean 87, 20.0%, J. Pizzpasat, 11 lean 58, 18.6%; P. Chanstonagh, 13 lean 75, 17.5%; W. Refele, 4 lean 52, 16.0%. HOCKEYS, P Canbony, 4 where them 15 sides, 28,7%; T Band, 13 June RE, 15,1%; R Ganday, 9 sons 60, 15,0%; A Dobbin, 14 hum 105, 13,3%; A S Stode, 4 logs 37, 10,8%, Only qualities.

Blinkered first time NEWCASTLE-3-50 Polato Man. SOUTHWELL; 2.10 World Without Brid.

Imperative for England to extinguish Irish fire

lin. For England, for a visiting team. Lansdowne Road is Ireland, rightly, an especially dangerous place. I was on the losing side there in 1985 and 1987 and on the bench in 1993, when we were beaten again. It is often said that, because England were the first to ignore the political troubles and play there in 1973, somehow Ireland are more kindly disposed towards the English. I am not so sure

If the wind is blowing, the ball is being pumped high and

Ireland, rightly, are chirpy after beating Wales in Cardiff. Tomorrow is the acid test of the England side's development and character, far more so than against Scotland, If England survive, the second half of the five nations' championship can be approached

The worst thing that Eng-land could do is get carried away by the record defeat of Scotland. They produced a few minutes of outstanding rugby. In all honesty, however, Scot-

The Ireland pack is a different proposition. Tails are up and England arrive still saddled with talk of expansive rugby Dublin is no place to get hung up with ideas of fancy stuff.

in Ireland, the storm abates only if it is tempered. France managed to do that on the opening weekend of the championship, absorbing everything thrown at them for an hour and striking with a couple of quick counter-attacks. Above all, England must show patience. Allow



Rob Andrew has first-hand

experience of the dangers waiting at Lansdowne Road

remember only too vividly in the 17-0 defeat in 1987, and a tidal wave washes you away.

The Irish love nothing better than their forwards smashing their way up field and their backs scything through after garryowens. That is what Dublin crowds love and is what England can expect to-

advisory coaching capacity, will not have changed that essential irishness.

I have made no pretence of the qualms I have about Andy Gomarsall at scrum half for England. He is instinctive, possesses lovely footballing skills and is a good runner,

ake the right option and kick tactically far better than he has done. England also lack a playmaker at No 8, so the pressure is on Paul Grayson,

Glarville to guide them. Grayson's place kicking will be vital. With both ends open to the elements, Lansdowne Road is not of the modern ilk of international stadiums. It presents a true test of nerve in the back row, Denis and skill. Two years ago a gale in the back row, Denis in the

passed or kicked. That day it blew a bit too hard even for Ireland's liking and England

The lessons from that victory were to give freland nothing to play off and frustrate them. First, however, England must curb the Ireland forwards. The front three are ruggedly solid; Jeremy Davidson and Paddy Johns are secure at the lineout; and,

maker. Tomorrow he has to demonstrate calmness under and hand even before you had barnstorming giants. barnstorming giants.
Ross Nesdale impressively

filled the hooking role of the injured Keith Wood in Cardiff. He made a fine debut. Even if Wood recovered in time for the British Isles tour to South Africa this summer, I would take Nesdale as my second hooker. In New Zealand, he was understudy to Sean Fitzpatrick at Auckland for four years. He is cool, calm, collected and technically outstanding; but England have sufficient strength about them

Popplewell passed fit for Dublin

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE 1997 five nations' champ-ionship, the third leg of which takes place in Dublin and Paris tomorrow, will contribute significantly to the pilot appointments introby the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB). For the first time, this year, appointments will be determined by a three-man panel, according to a world ranking

There was considerable disquiet in official circles at some of the refereeing displays in the pre-Christmas internationals in the northern hemisphere, while the performance of southern-hemisphere officials this weekend will be closely monitored. Colin Hawke, from New Zealand, handles Ireland's game with England while Peter Marshall, from Australia, takes charge when France play host to Wales. Peter Brook, from England,

will chair the appointments panel upon which both hemispheres will be represented and implementation will be a primary responsibility of Steve Griffiths, who has been referee development officer. Griffiths, 45, will leave a similar post with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) in May to take up his new position. based in Dublin,

Each of the board's eight founder members will nominate three referees for consideration by the panel, the first fruits of whose labours will be seen during the tri-nations series involving New Zealand, Australia and South Africa this summer. The merit-based system means, for example, that the decisive match in the tri-nations series could be handled by an official from one of the competing countries

Be mine tonight.

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if, in the panel's judgment, he has the best qualifications for

The international squads completed their preparations yesterday, with Ireland confident that Nick Popplewell, the Newcastle prop. has overcome a strained hamstring and will play against England. Popplewell, 32, will win his 44th cap tomorrow and is his country's most experienced player, while, at the other end of the Irish scale, Dennis Hickie celebrated his 21st birthday yesterday on the eve of his second cap, having made a try-scoring debut on the wing against Wales two

handling a match of so high a

Jason Leonard, Popplewell's opposite number - they propped the British Isles scrum together in New Zea-land in 1993 — has warned England what to expect at Lansdowne Road, where only five of the XV have appeared in a championship match before. The kitchen sink and everything else will be coming our way." Jack Rowell, the couch, said, "and Jason has that Will Carling undertook before the game against

Scotland." While England flew into Dublin during the afternoon, the first board meeting was held in London of the company that will run the professional end of the English game. There will be a general expectation that the English Rugby Partnership — fa-voured to replace the working title of "Newco" applied initially to the company, though still subject to due legal pro-cesses — can live up to its name and take the dub game forward in conjunction with the RFU.

Bateman happy to indulge in poetic inspiration

Gerald Davies mourns

the way centres have

been turned into

battering-rams

the art of centre threequarter play is almost always on the verge of being submerged by some weighty tactical and technical theory. In what is repeatedly referred to as the "modern game" the role of the midfield players is continually analysed and redefined.

Usually this takes the form of diminishing their style and vision, which is ultimately to the detriment of the game and, some iof us believe, its ambitions to poetic inspiration. It is the centre with the timing of a sweet pass and an eye for the gap who so often begins the dramatic sweep which gives rugby its enter-prising width of movement. Centres are getting bigger



in every way — an additional pair of back-row forwards. Out goes elegance as they are perceived as no more than battering-rams, I fear. Except that, once in a while, our faith is restored. Sooner or later the theorists have to acknowledge, reluctantly, that the verities of rugby — the speed of the ball, the accuracy of the pass, the creation of space and so on -- are constant.

If Brive, in the Heineken Cup final, gave an afternoon's lesson in the friction-less arts of centre play. Wales provided a vignette of what is possible against Scotland. The catalyst for Wales's first try was Allan Bateman running from a deeper position than is normally advised these days. He took a straight course, then, almost allowing the flight of the ball to determine matters. he sweeved outwards on an angle. In taking the ball late in its flight, Bateman went beyond Scott Hastings in a



Bateman has adjusted in splendid style to the demands of rugby union at international and club level after his spell in rugby league

classical outside break of a kind that, because of other players' inability to alter a predetermined alignment, there are too few these days.
"I changed my mind,"
Bateman, 31, said, "Had I

taken my original line of straight running. Hastings would have tackled me. Because of Arwel Thomas pass I could angle my run by letting the ball do the work. Had I started from a flatter position I could not have done it. I had to begin my run from forther back. It doesn't matter if it is a flat pass, you hit the ball at a faster pace, which gives you time, if you wish, to take a wider angle."

This makes abundant sense. Yet there is little eviHowever, it is the way they practise at Richmond.

Bateman is grateful to be back in rugby union after leaving Neath in 1990 to play rugby league for the next five years at Warrington and the past two with Cronulla in Australia. In his first year at Richmond he is delighted to be back in the game that he much prefers.

"When I moved to rugby league," the player who won four caps before the change said, "I noticed a massive difference. Rugby league de-manded that you be fitter and more powerful. It was also more straight forward and direct. The defences were two straight lines. It was set play all the time; short, sharp

had to look for the gaps, run at different angles and to em-ploy decoys. We had to hit a flat defence at pace."

He joined Richmond in October last year and has made an immediate impact. He played for the Barbarians against the Australians before Christones.

"I have a lot to be thankful to the Barbarians," he said. "I wanted to play representative rugby but wasn't too sure whether I would be capable of competing at that level so soon. But when I played at Twickenham it was the chance I needed and found that I could cope with the

challenge." He scored a try but stum-

power game. But in order to managed to keep his balance break down the defences we as he almost crawled his way to the line.

He admits, too, that rugby union nowadays is a much faster game where players need to be stronger. "If I felt a difference when I

moved to league I must say difference in returning to union. The game is more organised. The laws have speeded up the game and because of the continuity which league lacks, a player needs a different kind of fitness to cope with a more flowing game.

Because of professionalism the playing standards have risen to the extent that there are more clubs throughout the country capable of As opposed to the four or five who could do so when I left Neath, there are close to a dozen now."

Since his impressive return to international rugby, which has suddenly placed him in the forefront of British Isles selection for the summer tour to South Africa, Bateman injured himself in his club's match against Bedford two weeks ago. He damaged the cartilage and ligament in his knee. He has undergone an arthroscopy and missed the Ireland game. He has trained this week and all Wales must hope that he is fully recovered for match with France tomorrow at the Parc des Princes. It is quite clear that the Welsh back division does not function half as smoothly without

Miller's growing reputation built on strong Gaelic roots

By KARL JOHNSTON

ALEC DUNLOP, a life-long stalwart of YMCA Cricket Club in Dublin, has some advice for the Irish Rugby Football Union. They should send scouts to under-age Gael-ic football matches, identify the most talented young players and then persuade them to take up rugby." he said. The suggestion stems from

Dunlop's admiration for Eric Miller, and few would disagree when he says that the new Ireland No 8 is the most promising young forward to emerge on the Irish international scene in years. Miller's rise and rise was helped, in Dunlop's opinion, by the Gaelic football that he played before taking up rugby at Wesley College.

Miller was also a cricket allrounder, turning out for YMCA. I just played for the thirds and fourths, really," he said. He also played cricket at school, and was capped by Leinster at provincial under-18 level; he played under-15 soc-cer for Dublin and had a Gaelic football trial with the

the county under-18 side. Gaelic football is a catchand-kick game involving soaring leaps for possession and a high degree of athleticism. Watching Miller either in training or during a game, it is easy to understand how the voungster from Knocklyon, in

the shadows of the Dublin ultimately a No 8. Highlights mountains, excelled at his first of his school career included a sport, with Ballyboden St Enda's, before going to Wesley College as a boarder.

"That's when I was introduced to rugby, and eventually I didn't have time for Gaelic [football] or soccer any more, Miller said. "So I played rugby all through my school career, and that's what started me in the game, really.

I love all sports, and there

is not any one game which I could say I dislike. I miss playing other sports, but rugby has taken over and, these days, I simply don't have time to play anything else." This particular Miller's Tale

has been a fast-moving one. At Wesley College, he was a centre, then a flanker and



Miller: sporting all-rounder

Leinster Junior Cup final, two Senior Cup quarter-finals and most disappointing — defeat in the Senior Cup semi-

"I'll never forget that day, losing to Clongowes. It was terrible, a nightmare, "he said. However, the consolations included a place in the Ireland Schools side that won the Triple Crown in 1992-93 and his retention of that place the next year. Then it was on to Old Wesley RFC, and representative matches for Leinster Under-20, Ireland Under-21, Irish Colleges and the Leinster

Development XV. Last season, he made his Ireland A debut and shared in the Ireland Under-21 side's Triple Crown success, after joining Leicester. The best thing I ever did," Miller said of the move to England.

"I wanted to go to college near there, and some good friends of my dad knew Peter Wheeler know the chief executivel, who was the club president at the time. Anyway, I was a television supporter of Leicester, and I always wanted to play for them.

Going to Leicester was a big help to my game. I've learnt a lot from Bob Dwyer and by playing alongside people like Dean Richards. Martin Johnson and Rory sional game, but with a word of caution. I'm trying to get through college, as well," he said. "If guys can spin college out over a couple of years and don't give it up, they could have another string to their bows, as well as being a

professional player." The new international is not fazed by the prospect of the showdown at Lansdowne Road tomorrow. "I can't wait for it, really," he said. "England have to be favourites, but, if we play to our strengths, play with confidence and play our own game and stop them playing theirs, it will be very close — I know we can do it. I know we can win the game.

They can be there for the taking, once you impose your game on them, and I'm con-vinced of that."

The Leicester experience notwithstanding there is no doubting the loyalties of the former Gaelic footballer from Knocklyon. When Leinster. his former province, played Leicester in the Heineken Cup last October, Miller contributed a piece to the match

brosismus. I must spare a thought for home," he wrote, "... Ireland is the greatest place in the world and you never really appreciate it until you've been ray. I know that sounds a bit clicheed, but the green is still in me and always will be."

Prop fined £1,000 for punching opponent

JASON FAYERS, the 23-yearold Edinburgh Academicals prop forward, was yesterday fined E1,000 and ordered to pay £500 compensation at a court in Jedburgh after being convicted of assaulting a Kelso player during a league match last November. Fayers had already been banned for four years by the Scottish Rugby Union before Christmas for punching Craig Halliday, of Kelso, and breaking his jaw.

According to the defence, the incident happened at a lineout after a series of infringements by Halliday. David Sole and Jeremy Richardson, both former internationals connected with the Academicals club, wrote to the court in mitigation.

In his letter, Sole claimed that it was an unwritten rule that players resolved their differences on the field if the referee did not. The former Scotland captain added that he had had his nose broken in three places on one occasion but refused to resort to court autimo.

However, the Procurator Fiscal Graham Fisher, said the letter displayed an element of cynicism that he felt was "rather worrying" for the

game. Although Ireland received the good news that three senior internationals, Nick

Popplewell, Jonathan Bell and

David Corkery, yesterday

passed fitness tests for the match against England at Lansdowne Road tomorrow, they were forced into making one change in the A team to play England at Donnybrook today. Shane Leahy, of Garryowen, has a back injury and his place in the second row has gone to Steve Jameson, of St Mary's College. Players in the Emerging

Wales team to play France A at Perigueux tonight have been told they have a chance of breaking in the full Wales side. Terry Cobner, the national director of rugby, said yesterday: "All the selected Emerging Wales players fig-ure in our plans for the Welsh team. Whether that is longterm, medium term or shortterm doesn't matter. All will benefit from this exposure to a

tionals in the side, including Derwyn Jones, the 6st 10in second-row forward, who lost his place after an ineffective display when Wales were easily beaten by Australia in

Mark Perego, the former Wales and Lianelli flanker, has joined his former Stradey Park team-mates, Phil Davies and Colin Stephens, at Leeds, Perego, who has been capped nine times, will make his debut in the Courage Clubs Championship third division match at Exeter tomorrow.

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Chesterfield aspire to new heights

THE FLOOD of foreign imports into the English game may have risen from a trickle to a torrent, but one club is attempting to produce home grown players to stem the tide. Chesterfield, better known for its crooked church spire and outspoken MP. Tony Benn, is fast achieving fame for its football club.

The Derbyshire town, nestled between the cities of Nottingham and Sheffield, at last has a centre of attention of its own instead of being

overshadowed by its neighbours.

The Spireites — as Chesterfield are nicknamed — are chasing success on two fronts. A second promotion in three seasons would put them in the Nationwide League first division — their highest level since 1950 — while tomorrow the club competes in the fifth round of the FA Cup again for the first time the FA Cup, again for the first time since 1950, when Nottingham Forest, of the FA Carling Premiership. visit Saltergate.

John Duncan, the former Totten-



ham Hotspur and Derby County striker, is the mastermind behind this success. Now in his second spell as manager of the club, Duncan disregards the omen that you never go back.

Duncan places great emphasis on team preparation rather than tactics. The thing is to get players in teams and positions that suit them; then they are more likely to be able to show what they've got," he

There is no doubt that he places high physical demands on his players. "Nothing is easy in football but it does make it easier for me to train and coach them when they are willing to give as much as they do. I an't stress enough how hard they good chance," he said work and train."

Duncan also has a starewd eye for -potting ability - he has assembled entire team for £250,000 whether uncovering and nurturing roung talent such as Tom Curtis and Kevin Davies or revitalising he careers of journeymen such as lony Lormor and Gary Lund.

Curis, a midfield player, was sported by Duncan while playing or Derby County's A team and until recently combined a full-time degree in physical education and leography at Loughborough Universin with part-time football.

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But it is Davies, the teenage striker, who is attracting the attention of scouts. Duncan seized the opportunity to sign him when he was released by Sheffield United because "he lacked strength and

Since then Davies, now 19, has established himself as a first-team regular and sees his strengths as "being big, strong and pacey." His exploits in the last round brought him national attention: a hat-trick against first division leaders Bolton. Wanderers set up the lucrative derby against Forest tomorrow.

Recently Davies turned down a proposed £400,000 move to promo-tion rivals Bristol City and his single-handed destruction of Bolton has sent his valuation soaring. "No nas sent his valuation soaring. "No disrespect to Bristol City, but I am hoping to do better and like any player I am hoping to go on to play in the Premier League," he said.

Tomorrow, Davies has an opportunity to test his ability against one of his dream teams. This possibilities are not lost on him. "The offerfrom Bristol City was a confidence."

from Bristol City was a confidence booster but the game on Saturday is a bigger stage and an opportunity for me to match myself against the

Duncan is in no doubt about the future of his protege. "He's a young player who has the potential to go on and do well. At this stage of his development I have seen no-one better at his age." High praise from a man who was at Tottenham when Glenn Hoddle was starting out on his professional career.

"Kevin has a good footballing brain and has goals under his belt his application and intelligence is excellent and given an even break i will be disappointed if he doesn't make it to the very top."

Duncan describes the meeting with Forest as "the biggest game in the club's history" and Davies believes they will upset the form book. "We will try and unsettle them. If we can put ourselves about chasing and tackling we've got a

We may be underdogs but we We have shown we are difficult to beat." Seventeen clean sheets in al competitions this season bear testimony to his words and the goals. scored by Bolton were the first Chesterfield have conceded in the

Chesterfield are hoping that the realities of football in the lower divisions will cushion them against the expensively-assembled Forest team. Each Chesterfield player is responsible for his kit and boots, and money is saved by making



Davies is hoping to rise to the occasion against Forest



Huckerby has found fulfilment since his move to Coventry

distant away games at Plymouth and Gillingham day trips rather than overnight stays.

Up until this season, training sessions took place at two public parks that Kevin Randall, the assistant manager, has named Nou Camp and San Siro. This season the team frequent the Nou Camp because it is quieter and not so many members of the public use it to take their dogs for a walk.
Under these conditions it is hardly surprising that Duncan looks for players who are "self-motivated and self-reliant". Their

character, team spirit and resilience

are qualities Forest should beware.

Huckerby steps out of shadows as City's slicker

a proper

chance'

"It was similar when Alan Shear-

er joined last summer," Huckerby

said. "Of course I learnt from

training alongside somebody like that but it meant I was one place

further down the order. When we

were told the reserves had been scrapped, I knew it was time to go. When I first went to Newcastle I

was amazed because at times there

were more supporters at training

than at some third division matches with Lincoln City. But that cannot

Rejection was nothing new to the

youngster. Four years earlier, Notts

County, the club he supported as a

child, told him that at 5ft 5in (he is

now five inches taller) he was too

small and would not be offered a place as a trainee. His father,

however, played in the same Sun-day side. Clifton Rangers, as Keith

Alexander, then manager of Lin-

coln. For friendship's sake the boy

was invited for a trial at Sincil

Bank. Alexander watched for 20

minutes - and snapped him up.
"His finishing

Darren was better than the players

we had. He made his debut at 17

against Shrewsbury as a substitute

Lincoln received a club record fee

of £500,000 when Huckerby moved

to Newcastle and Alexander be-

lieves that Keegan was shrewd enough to realise that he would

make a profit on a resale if the player failed to break into the first

team. Strachan, for his part, is entitled to feel that at El million his

first signing is a bargain.

As Alexander observed, Huck-

erby is naturally quick with the

confidence to run at defenders but

under the tutelage of Strachan, he is

gradually improving the timing

and direction of his runs. His first

goal came against Newcastle, which he describes without malice

as the highlight of his career. That

was one of three in a run of four

matches, all won, that lifted Coven-

try away from the relegation area of

was alongside great players at Newcastle," Huckerby said as he

prepared for the FA Cup fourth-round tie against Blackburn Rovers

tomorrow. "But now I want to be at the heart of things, not just some-

body who happened to be there."

Whatever happens I can say I

and scored within five minutes."

was diabolical in training but he had

great pace," Alexan-

der, who now has

Huckerby's brother,

Scott, under his

charge at non-League Ilkeston

Town, said. "We had just started a

proper youth policy at Lincoln and

motivate you forever."

DARREN HUCKERBY was paid a huge compliment within hours of Kevin Keegan's resignation as manager of Newcastle United. It came in a hastily organised radio phone in on that mad Wednesday afternoon, when callers atternately praised or berated Keegan in terms that were distinctly black or white. Most theories followed predictable

Then, in a rare moment of original thought, somebody sug-gested that of all Keegan's mistakes, his biggest was in selling Huckerby to Coventry City without

giving the youngster a proper chance at St James' Park. The implication that Huckerby ranked alongside some of the international forwards at Keegan's disposal was probably exaggerated but at least confirmed the view that, within six weeks of joining his new club, Huckerby had become recog-nised as one of the most exciting young talents to hit the Premier League this season.

Speaking before te European under-21 champion-'Keegan's big ship match between England and Italy mistake was on Wednesday, Huckerby stressed that he did not renot giving him gret moving to Newcastle, but nor did he hold misgivings about his departure. Where he

found Keegan a remote figure, a man with too much on his mind to spend time with a fringe player, he was soon singled out for special attention by Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager.
In fact, Huckerby, 20, is pleased

simply to be playing. At the start of the season, with Newcastle's reserve team disbanded, he was a frequent visitor to his parents' home on the outskirts of Notting-ham on the weekends when his own team were playing away, and watched his mates in action in the amateur leagues around the city. "It was ridiculous that I was a fully fit professional who trained all week but could not get a game, while these lads did their job from Monday to Friday and then played more football than I did."

Huckerby said. Towards the end it was very difficult to stay motivated when I knew that I was fifth or sixth-choice striker and the only game I could play was the odd friendly. His problem was epitomised in January last year after a rare appearance as a substitute against

Chelsea. He thought he was making progress. A week later, Keegan signed Faustino Asprilla for £7.5

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We should be positive about

the overseas players, who have a great deal to offer British rugby. A little bit of inside information does not do

any harm, and if England

aspire to beating the top teams

in the world, why not learn

from those who have played in

Ireland is if we forfeit the

match, ruining our chances of promotion, or field half a first

team with half the second

team (who will be in Dublin

for the match anyway).

I don't know if it is the RFU

who won't let us rearrange

this fixture, but whoever set

the agenda for junior clubs' league matches has no idea

why we play this game. Yours faithfully.

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Yours faithfully, JESSICA WHEELER,

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Scotland was impressive.

declining number in hot pursuit of leaders BY WALTER GAMMIE

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

MACCLESFIELD . Town remain buoyant in their pursuit of Kidderminster Harriers at the head of the Vauxhall Conference, having closed the gap from 15 points to four. having played the same number of matches, by thumping Hednesford Town 4-0 at Moss Rose on Tuesday. It was a swift way for Maccles-field to bounce back after their 2-1 defeat away to Dover Athletic last Saturday - their first in the Conference since

December 10. Macclesfield's defence has conceded only 16 goals in 29 Conference matches, the midfield has been highly consistent and the attack has been reinforced by the arrival of Peter Davenport, from South-port, and Richard Landon, a loan signing from Stockport County, who scored twice against Hednesford.

Landon's loan period runs out after Macclesfield's home match against Rushden and Diamonds tomorrow. Sammy Mcliroy, the manager, said: "He's got on well here and I'll be speaking to Dave Jones at Stockport to see what the

One player who has not settled is Carwyn Williams, the former Northwich Victoria forward, who has been placed on the transfer list at his own request. Mcllroy said: "I've got only 15 players. I had 18 or 19 players at the start of the season, whom I thought would give us every chance of winning the championship. Since the death of the chairman, we've had to cut back and simply get on with it. We've managed to steer clear of injuries and, if things stay

that way, who knows?" Kidderminster entertain Altrincham tomorrow and Stevenage Borough, 15 points behind the leaders with four matches in hand, meet Kettering Town at Broadhall Way. Stevenage's prospects have been hit by the discovery that Barry Hayles, their striker, fractured his leg in their defeat away to Welling United. He will be out for at least a month.

Stevenage and Kidderminster, after a 5-1 victory in a replay away to Emley on Tuesday, are two of only five Conference sides through to the the last 16 of the FA Umbro Trophy on March I. Bromsgrove Rovers may yet be the sixth. They replay against Hyde United, of the Unibond League, for the second time at the Victoria Ground on Monday.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Overseas influence is positive Prosecution bad for football

them?

Sir, I am surprised that some rugby union coaches are complaining about the influx of overseas players taking the place of prospective England players in the senior clubs.

From Ms Jessica Wheeler

For an overseas player to get into his new club's first team, he must be the best for the position. If someone else is after the same position, his game must improve accordingly. Surely this will raise

In addition, as David Hands pointed out (article, January 30), for Richard Hill to play alongside the former South Africa captain, Francois

Lack of interest From Mr Paul Spelman

Sir, The Rughy Football Union says that it looks after the interests of the junior clubs as well as the senior clubs and the national teams. Why then does my club, Old Gaytonians, find itself in the situation this weekend, when Ireland play England at Lansdowne Road, that we are unable to travel to watch the game (as we always have) because we The only way we can get to

Out of Africa

From Mr R. E. Kemp Sir, Further to Bryant's Eye (February 6) the first distance

Positional sense

From Dr J. B. Evans Sir, Gerald Davies wrote (February 7) about Welsh rugby players having difficulties when played out of position. I remember one Welshman who managed a change quite well: Gerald Davies. Yours sincerely. JOHN EVANS

Orchard Hill, Cross Oak Road.

runners from Africa showed the way in the 1904 Olympic marathon. Among the 14 (of a field of 31) who completed the course were two black South Africans, Lentauw and Yamasani, who finished ninth and welfth respectively.

They were both in St Louis working on a concession stand at the World Fair to which the Olympics seem almost to have been added as another sideshow. How, or by whom, they were persuaded to run I cannot trace but their achievements, so long overlooked, deserve recognition. Yours faithfully,

R. E. KEMP, 69 Bradgate Road, Nortingham.

From Mr Will M. Vander Byl Pienaar, at Saracens is like a gates for many of these claims

Sir, I cannot see any advantage in the legal action that Bradford City are planning to take against Kevin Gray, the Huddersfield Town defender (report, February 6).

Gray's tackle on Gordon Watson in a match on February I left him with serious injuries, but, while a sum of money may compensate Watson and the club for loss of earnines in the short term. such a case would not benefit them or the game of football in

Had the former Stockport County player, Brian McCord, not won damages against Swansea City and heir captain, John Cornforth, last year in such a case, then Bradford City would presumably not have thought of taking this action.

If Bradford's action is successful, it will open the flood-

and ruin football as we know it. Many players would not make tackles for fear of such an incident occurring and the reprisals for it.

Bradford City also wish to pursue a criminal case against Gray under sections IS and 20 the Offence Against The Person Act. This charge suggests an intent to injure. No professional footballer

would deliberately set out to break another's leg in a game especially one as experienced and gentlemanly as Gray. Yours faithfully, W. VANDER BYL

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Le Tissier destined to walk alone

ow, not many people know this. In 1865, when John Wilkes Booth shot Abraham Lincoln, he was harboured briefly by a man named Dr Mudd. This is all true. Consequently, so deeply unpopular was this Dr Mudd, that he became a byword for — well, for unpop-ularity. It was all jolly unfair. as it happens. His family have worked to clear the name ever since. Yet we still say "my name will be mud. And that's

the way it goes.

I mention this for a good reason. Because one day, in the distant future, when your grandchildren thoughtlessly hurl the wounding insult "letitia" at each other, you will be able to say: "I know where that comes from! It's a corruption of the name Le Tissier and dates from the World Cup qualitier in February 1997, when Le Tissier became the most unpopular man in England!" And they will look at you with eyes stretched wide and say: "God, grandpa, you're so boring."

I have never been in a lynch mob, but after Wednesday night at Wembley Stadium I have direct experience of what it feels like. If enraged insults were javelins, Southampton's Matt Le Tissier would have been impaled to the pitch in the first 15 minutes by the folk sitting in block 228.

It would have been a single whoosh-whoosh-whooshwhump like the archery scene in Olivier's Henry V. Steam came out of ears, tops were blown off, and Le Tissier was always the man to blame. Even standing still and doing nothing at all, he got their goat perhaps because standing still was inappropriate in the circumstances. Anyway. "fat" and "useless" were the words I can repeat. There were several others I can't.

The fans in the upper section of block 228 - mostly rather fat and useless themselves, if I may say so — were not just mildly irritated by Le Tissier. His stodgy demeanour obsessed them, and they kept leaping up and pointing, like LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

excitable Chinese at a public denunciation. And they had their reasons, of course, 1 mean, he wasn't single-handedly responsible for losing the match, but on this day of days, it was curious that Le Tissier seemed to be heeding the advice normally reserved for sickly Victorians - never run when you can walk.

Obviously, there is nothing certain about sport, but I had romantically assumed the opposite would happen on Wednesday. "Oh good, a chance for Le Tissier." I thought. In my mind's eye, he would embrace this opportunity to prove himself worthy of an England place, the way Gianluca Vialli played like a demon when finally allowed on for Chelsea against Liverpool the other week. Until Wednesday night, Le Tissier had played a total of 202 minutes for England, the ma-

His selection for the Italy match looked, therefore, like a boy's dream. Yet he was sidelined throughout, and when he finally left the field in the sixtieth minute - to be replaced by a skipping, ener-getic, and oh-so-popular Les Ferdinand — it looked very had for him. Arguably, he's just the scapegoat for a tactic that didn't work. But Ferdinand's entrance really rubbed it in. Here come the marines, really, really do.

jority of them some time ago.

and all that. Sensitive to the occasion, Ferdinand almost

For me, this was the first international I've seen in which the team made sense as individuals. I now know what Stuart Pearce does for a living: it is slightly bizarre to see Batty, McManaman and Beckham all playing in the tion. Previously, my perception of the England team had echoes of the 1970s supergroup composed of people unheard of elsewhere. But now I can see how Crosby and Nash are soul mates, but that Stills has different ambitions, while Young is on a planet elsewhere on his own. I have reached, in fact, the

stage of thinking it's a miracle that they can play together at all. And like everyone else on Wednesday, I hated the risky, experimental nature of Glenn Hoddle's side. Give us what we know, for heaven's sake: this is serious. David Seaman was injured, but that's no excuse for giving Ian Walker all that responsibility. Having just read Alan Shearer's Diary of a Season (the one in which he famously celebrates winning a match by creosoting a fence), I looked forward to seeing Blackburn's Tim Flowers, whom Shearer repeatedly calls one of the best goalkeepers in England.

ncidentally, the Curse of the Programme Overtakagain. Seaman on the cover; articles on Gascoigne, Viaili and England 2006. It was a disgruntling night altogether. dominated by a sense that we'd been deluding ourselves and living on dreams.

But at least I could shuffle back to the tube station and get home at lam, merely stunned with disappointment and shivering with the first symptoms of flu. Poor Le Tissier had to walk off thanklessly into history and become a byword, I've never understood why people dislike him so much; but I am forced to accept it now. They



Dejected and in despair, Le Tissier trudges off at Wembley on Wednesday night

GOLF: SCORES ADJUSTED AFTER PLAYERS PROTEST AT BUGGY RULING IN FIRST ROUND AT SUN CITY

Officials make mountain out of steep incline

THEY were allowed not to march right up to the top of the hill, but should definitely have marched back down again. The first day of the Dimension Data Pro-Am in Sun City degenerated into near-farce yesterday, and it all had to do with golfers taking rides in

At the heart of the trouble was the steeply elevated 14th tee at the Lost City course, which is sharing the first two rounds with the nearby Gary Player course. To save the players having to carry crampons and absciling rope in addition to clubs, they were allowed to get a lift on a buggy onto the tee.

So far, so good; but what they were

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GRIGNARD

had decided to apply a local PGA ruling that forbade them from coming back down the mountain on four wheels instead of two feet. The result was that most of the players were penalised two shots, including Nick Price, who had a 67 with eight other players to finish the day two shots behind Ronnie McCann, South Afri-

can-born but now a United States When Price's misdemeanour was discovered, he joined the rest who had hitched a lift down the hill and had paid for it with a two-shot penalty. He was not happy, and neither were the others, and, after increasingly heated

protests, the decision, which players

not told was that tournament officials complained they had not been told about, was reversed and two shots were lopped off the unwitting offenders' scores again.

Price was relieved, especially as he had been heading nowhere in particular when he put together a run of seven birdies in the last 12 holes. His slice of justice having been achieved. Price said he would have been relieved to have finished with a par 72.

So would Severiano Ballesteros. The Europe Ryder Cup captain was making his first appearance of the season, but he probably wished he had stayed at home in Pedreña after a round of 32. It could have been worse - he was another who took a buggy ride. "It was just one of those days," he said. The beleaguered Ballesteros has, sadly, too many of those days these days. Tiger Woods, a man at the opposite

end of the career curve, is not put in the shade too often, but it happened to him yesterday in the Australian Masters at Huntingdale. Woods had a 68 for a share of fifth place, four strokes behind Lucas Parsons, of Australia, The bighitting Woods, 21, birdied all four par-

fives and used his driver only once. Talking of drivers. Nigel Mansell was frustrated by the lack of speed among his rivals in the Strokesaver Masters at La Manga, Spain, While they loitered, the former Formula One driver scorched round, but, after a 79, he was still 23 strokes behind David

SAILING

Food poisoning no deterrent

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

radical, magnesium, and a halogen such as chlorine. An eponym of François Grignard (1871-1935), French chemist, who shared the 1912 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. FUCOID (a) Resembling or belonging to seaweeds, especially those belonging to the group Fucatear. Or containing impressions of such seaweeds with markings similar to theirs.

(a) Organic chemical compounds, created by Grignard reagents, that found applications as some of the most versatile reagents in organic synthesis. Members of the class contain a hydrocarbon

WORD-WATCHING

(a) The first successful rifle with a magazine. Patented in 1871 by Peter Paul Mauser (1838-1914), and developed and manufactured in 1884, in time for the Boer War. There were two versions: Humm and 7.92mm. It took a metal cartridge. In the early version the soldier had to give the weapon a sharp tap to throw out the spent cartridge.

(a) The interaction between genes at different places on a chromosome in which one can mask or even suppress another. This will lead to the expression of one bereditary characteristic. and the exclusion of the other, when the two are controlled by alleles of different genes. More widely used to describe any interaction of non-allelic genes. Each gene may have favourable effects in some combinations and unfavourable effects such as overdominance in others.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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ADRIAN DONOVAN the skipper of Heath Insured II is continuing to hold on to second position in the tightly-

lought later stages of the short third leg of the BT Global Challenge across the Tasman Sea from Wellington to This is a good performance

by any standard but is especially so given that seven of his 14-strong crew, including himself, have been struck down with food poisoning after esting kidney beans in a freezedried chilli con came. As Donovan reported yes-

terday, the Heath crew endured a "bad few hours" as they succumbed to stomach cramps, dizziness, shivering and vomiting as their nearest rivals, Toshiba Wave Warrior. Pause To Remember, Concert and Nuclear Electric tried to pick them off.

"We had an interesting few hours with me. John Shufflebottom (a company director from Cheshire) and Mike Babcock (a solicitor from London), taking two-minute spells at the wheel in between throwing up over the stern."

Donovan said. "As people recovered, we had Concert level with us and the others coming in fast. Everyone was now very fired either from working extra or recovering from the sickness," Donovan said. He is determined to catch the race leader. Mike Golding on Group 4. who still leads the leg.

Golding has a notional tenmile advantage over Donovan but, with 450 miles still to sail. the leg is wide open, with five or six crews capable of taking line honours on Sunday. The breeze is blowing at ten to 14 knots out of the southeast, enabling the yachts to fly spinnakers.

in the Vendée Globe singlehanded non-stop round-theworld race, the leader Christophe Auguin, of France, on Geodis. is now only 900 miles from the finish after passing the Azores. Auguin is hoping to reach Les Sables d'Olonne by Sunday morning. win 21-20. Morgan, who will play the He is on course to break the single-handed non-stop round-the-world record by up

BOWLS

Avon ladies on doorstep of club final

By DAVID RIEYS JONES

EGHAM B, who were hoping to win the Yetton Trophy - for the national women's interclub championship - for the third time in succession, suffered a 79-77 defeat at the hands of Avon Valley in the

quarter-finals yesterday. Both home rinks won for Egham, but the away rinks, skipped by Mavis Steele and Ann Green, went down by one and 14 shots, respectively, to Jean Thompson and Maureen

Avon Valley's opponents in

the semi-finals at New Earswick, York, on March 8 will be Teignbridge, who defeated Atherley 81-72. Boston, the 1994 champions, swept past Cumbria 98-72, and will play Desborough, Maiden-head, the runners-up last year, who beat County Arts 87-65. in Wales, Berry Morgan's hopes of winning three national indoor titles vanished yesterday when, with Jenny Davies, her Radnorshire clubmate, she was beaten 18-16

by Synthia Morgan and Julie Davies, the defending champions, in the final of the pairs. Ann Sutherland, of Torfaen, scored on only 12 out of 28

ends in the Welsh indoors singles final, but still beat Jealian Willis, of Swansea Sutherland scored a full house to tie the scores at 15-15 and an even more important treble to

triples final today, bounced back later to skip her Radnorshire team to the fours title.

It's that time of the week

Friday Night is Music Night. Radio 2, 7,30pm.

There are those who think that everything, from the BBC to Cornish There are those who think that everything, from the BBC to Cornish pasties, has gone to pot and there are those who know better because they listen to this programme. Friday Night... has run every week since 1953, when it started as a vehicle for the BBC Concert Orchestra. The brief to its then conductor, Sidney Torch, was to "help people relax and put them in the right mood for the weekend". The mood is helped by the presenter, Robin Boyle, who not only sounds as if he should have slicked-back hair and wear a dickie bow, but actually does. For Valentine's night the show is live from the Hippodrome in Golders Green. London. Golders Green, London.

Hear and Now. Radio 3, 10.00pm.

I have not heard a preview tape of this but it promises to be an absorbing two hours. Desire, by Gerard McBurney, is a theatrical composition for speaker, chorus and orchestral ensemble which tonight receives its broadcast premiere. Simon Callow is the speaker and the work is performed by Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, conducted by Mark Elder. Desire is inspired by an exhibition of paintings at the Tate Gallery in London. As McBurney studied a particular group of paintings he envisaged a musical work "about the very act of staring, gazing, looking and longing". The other featured work tonight is Seance by James Wood, performed by the New London Chamber Choir and the Critical Band.

Peter Barnard

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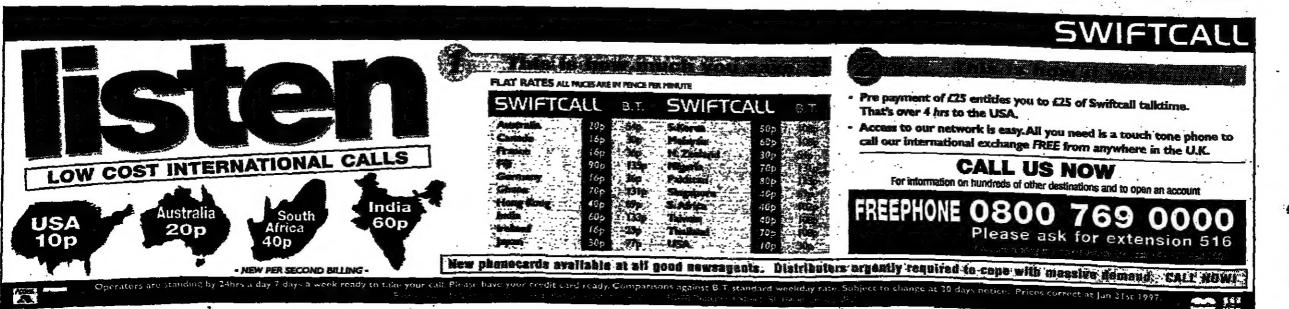
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12.00 News 12.30 The Late Books
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I did not take long to discover why bonobos had not graced our television screens before.

As the new series of Wildlife on One (BBCI) graphically revealed, these were seriously rude monkeys.

St Valentine's Day, one suspects, is not big in the particular patch of Zairean rainforest that this littleknown branch of the great ape family inhabits. Romance? Well, let's just say if you sat a hundred bonobos at typewriters for 1,000 years, they wouldn't even spell it right. Nor would they get very far with Shakespeare, as David Attenborough gently explained.

Bonobos favour one particular means of diffusing tension: sec. He had the pictures to prove it. Everyone does it with everyone else . . " was not a sentence I ever thought I'd hear the saintly Attenborough whisper. On the other hand, you could see why he was keeping his voice down:

with females, adults with young." As the nation's living rooms echoed to a chorus of "what's he doing now daddy?" the wisdom of Attenborough's opening remarks came into question. Bonobos or pygmy chimpanzees, he explained, were perhaps "our nearest living relative". In which case could somebody please explain what Great Uncle Bonobo was doing

rushing round in a state of

excitement that would not be

countenanced after midnight let

alone at 8 o'clock? And where did

the pygmy bit come in? This was a night when script-writers anthropomorphised at their peril. Shijimi, the small orphaned male who was supposed to make us all go "ah", appeared to be the primate version of a rent boy. Without a mother, we learnt. Shijimi was at a distinct disadvantage in the complex matriarchy that is bonobo society. So he made

up for it by being extremely nice to the fully grown males, mutual

grooming and er, so on.
These alliances, said Atenborough, disapprovingly, "are no substitute for a mother's tender care...but at least he has friends." Sadly, however, not enough. Shijimi spent the rest of the programme being beaten up by other boys' mothers and was eventually mugged by an infant less than half his size. Despite much evidence to the contrary, it's not all fun being a bonobo.

There'd been no sex at all so far in Reckless (ITV), in contrast to the above and certainly to all the fevered hype that preceded this series. But we did have just a little bit right at the end of last night's episode two. "Take off your clothes, please," commanded Anna (Francesca Annis), So Owen did, offering us in the process a brief glimpse of the Robson Green

REVIEW

Embarrassed by relatives behaving badly



ottom. And do you know, it didn't look a bit like Great Uncle Bonobo's. Nearest living relative?

What utter nonsense. This was a crucial episode for Paul Abbott's new drama, the one that would determine whether we would last the distance, And despite it being underwritten (whole minutes went by as our highly qualified, professional hero went looking for his out-of-work

to buy a new suit) and occasionally unbelievable (if you had been unfaithful would you really confess all to an answering machine?) the answer - in my case, at least -

On the plus side the music didn't annov me until well into part two. On the minus side, Owen Springer as unless I'd got the plot entirely wrong he was supposed to be our hero. Abbott, however, is playing a clever but dangerous game and the main reason for sticking with the series (apart from Annis, of course) is to see whether he's clever enough to write himself out of the tight corner he wrote himself into

Last night, you see, was the night the dramatic conventions of eternal triangles were turned on their head. It was the night when the hero regressed to being a tiresomely obsessed adolescent (1

don't go for older women. I just go for you") and the so-called baddie (Michael Kitchen, playing Anna's husband and Springer's boss) was revealed as witty, clever (from Socrates to plastics in 50 words or under - that's why you married me") and rich. As Anna said to her best friend: Would you jeopardise it all for a man 15 years younger. who looks like a boxer?"

ell, you would if your witty, clever and rich husband also turned out to be an adulterer and your jealous admirer secretly ensured you found out about it. All of which meant that when Owen and Anna finally got to do the bonobo thing. she was out for revenge and he was feeling thoroughly ashamed of himself. What chance true love now? With four episodes to go, clearly better than you might

Finally, a quite outstanding trio

Mummies — Horizon Special (BBC2). Tim Haines's film lacked the natural advantages of its predecessors, in that the finding of a new ice mummy marked the end of his film rather than the beginning. The scientific detective story that made the stories of the Ice Maiden and Ice Man so fascinating was just starting as the body of an ice child made its way down the slopes of Sara Sara in the Andes and the final credits rolled.

But what it lacked in applied science, it made up for with the mystery of the Incas, the grim fascination of capa cocha. or child sacrifice ceremonies, and the excitement and exasperation of carrying out an archaeological dig at 18,000 feet.

"This was her Heaven," concluded Nigel le Vaillant's narration. "Now she's off to a freezer at Arequipa University." The gods will not be best pleased.

BBC1 8.00em Business Breakfast (47527) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (50545) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1) (876062?) 9.20 Style Challenge (1490066)

9.45 Kilroy (6758530) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (51085) 11.00 News (1) and weather (6334733) WALES: 11.00 Welsh Conservative Conference (34805694)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (3308882) 11.35 Change That (5219511) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6343559).

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5929627) 12.30 Going for a Song (7203482) 12.55 The Weather Show (34327606) 1.00 News (T) and weather (84062) 1.30 Regional News (98244191)

1.40 Neighbours (T) (20813882) 2.05 FILM: Outback (1986) A headstrong young woman (Tushka Berger) finds herself forn between two contrasting men in turn-of-the-century Australia. Directed by Ian Barry (4673088)

3.30 Playdays (1822172) 3.80 The Fridey Zone (3279820) 4.56 Newsround Extra (T) (3053801) 5.10 Blue Peter [T)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (985511) 6.00 News (1) and weather (917) 5.30 Newsroom South East (269)

7.00 Sig Break Jimmy White, Gary Wilkinson and Rod Lawler cue up to emaze on the baize in the hot-potting snooker game show (T) (9288) 7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (153)

8.00 Dad's Army Mainwaring can hardly control his excitement when he finds a real, live German stuck up the town's clock (r) (T) (5608)

8.30 A Question of Sport with guests Emlyn Hughes and Fatima Whitbread, cricketer Alan Lamb and rugby union player John Jettrey (1) (7443)

9,00 News (T) and weather (6795) 9.30 Callett Silent Witness New eight-Amende Burton es forensic pathologist Dr Samenthe Ryan (T) (850511)

10.20 The Mrs Merton Show New series of intimate chat. Tonight's guests are Jonathan Ross and Jelf Banks (T) (596202) WALES: 10.20 The Celtuloid World of Dezmond Rezillo (596202) 10,50 The Mrs Merion Show 160559) 11.20 FILM: An Officer and a Gentlemen (201207) 1,20em FILM: Permanent Record (2782863) 2.50 News

(2828825) 10.50 FILM: An Officer and a Gentleman (1932) with Richard Gere as a Navy recruit whose relationship with mili worker Debra Winger is forced on to the sidelines as he is put through his peces by a tough, uncompromising sergeant. Directed by Taylor Hackford (83143795)

12.50am FILM: Permanent Record (1988) with Keanu Reeves and Alan Boyce, A high-school is thrown into turmoil when a bulliant student with everything to live for commits suicide. Directed by Merica Silver (7416738) 2,20 Weather (5326592)

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(73207) 12.30pm Working Lunch (52308)
1.00 Scene (44444) 1.30 Le Club
(98233085) 1.45 Words and Pictures
2.00 Just So Stories (f)

2.10 Sport on Friday Highlights of the skiling world championships from Sestriere in italy featuring the men's giant statom and the women's combined events, and previews the weekend's five nations matches (267066) 3.55 News (T) 4.00 Today's the Day (882) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (406) 5.00 Esther (7086) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (646)

6.00 Star Trek (r) (T) (737608) 6.50 Electric Circus includes a review of Kenneth Branagh's version of Hamlet

7.00 A Wild Romance An amusing look at love and romance in the animal kingdom



7,30 The BT Global Challenge Update from the second leg — Flid de Janeiro to Wellington via trescherous Cape Hom

series Carneron McNeish walks Knoydert with poet and historian Professor David Craig (T) (6578) -

8,30 Gardening from Scratch Helen Yemm suggests simple design ideas and solutions to common problems (1) (5085) 9,00 Red Dwarf Lister seeks psychiatric help from Kryten (1) (4337)

9.30 Never Mind the Buzzoocks (r) (1) 10,00 Room 101 Germaine Greer reveals her

pet hates (r) (T) (41608) 10.30 Nevendight (1) (256191) 11.15 Space: Above and Beyond Military cades are plunged into an intergalectic

wer (208714) 12.00 Stuff the White Rabbit John Lanahan hosts a new offbeat magic show (67660)

12.30-2.10am Fil.M: Summer Interlude (1950, b/w) with Maj-Britt Nilseon and Birger Meinsten. This romantic drame about young love directed by Ingmar Bergman established Bergman's Inter-national reputation. Featuring the Royal Stockholm Opera Ballet, in Swedish with English subtitles (82202)

CHOICE Silent Witness: Blood, Sweat and Tears

BBC1, 9.30pm Amanda Burton returns as Dr Sam Ryan Amanda burton returns as Dr Sam kyan, the sieely forensic pathologist whose business is gleaning evidence from dead bodies. Although the show has never been shy about exhibiting its corpses, high ratings suggest that audiences are remarkably unsqueamish. On the slab tonight are the mortal remains of a boxer who collapsed and died after a fight but has a head injury which was sustained outside the ring. Trust Ryan to be suspicious. Meanwhile, her family troubles rumble on, Last time it was her ailing old Mum. Now Mum has passed on and the focus is on her poor and jobless sister Wyn (Ruth McCabe). Wyn is one of the few characters to survive from the first series. The most notable newcomer is a detective superintendent (Mick Ford) who has tangled with Ryan, professionally and personally, before and looks set to do so again.

The Mrs Merton Show BBC1, 10.20pm (Wales & Scotland, 10.50,

The joke which underpins this enterprise is that by assuming the guise of a dowdy Lancashire housewife Caroline Ahearne can dare to ask questions that would be impossible if she appeared as herself. It has impossione is she appeared as terself, it has worked spectacularly, even embarrassingly, well in the past, as poor Chris Eubank can testify. But either Mrs M has mellowed or her victims are getting wiser. Whichever way, she cannot get a thing past either of tonight's guests, Jeff Banks and Jonathan Ross. It helps that both men are experienced television performers and, in Ross's case, no stranger to the talk show host's chair. The result is a no-score draw. Ahearne's forays into the studio audience (mostly jolly middleaged women) yield a little more and at least nobody is trying to plug anything.

Here's Johnny Channel 4, 10.30pm

Johnny is Johnny Vaughan, host of this channel's Moviewatch and one of those noisy, know-all presenters so much in favour noisy, know-all presenters so much in layour at the moment. His new show is not easy to define, though it is suffused by what is obviously intended to be an irreverent form of humour. One of the regular items is having fun at the expense of a celebrity by visiting his home area and asking local people what they think of him. The subject is expected to squirm with embarrassment as the results are relayed to him, the studio audience and to us. Vaughan also fancies himself as an investigative reporter, in which guise he promises to reveal what it is that men do in their allotment sheds. And there is a "lurker of the week" award to people who manage to get themselves in the background of television news reports.

Channel 4, 12.45am

The show celebrating black music returns with more acts that the record companies and radio stations tend to ignore. Flava was the first British television programme to feature Killing Me Softly by the Fugees, which became the biggest-selling single in the country last year. It can also claim to have furthered the career of Mark Morrison. The format remains the same, a presenterless assembly of videos, interrupted only by short pieces to camera (known as idents in the trade) by artists who may well spear in future programmes. The show prides itself on being raw and uncensored and some of the material is hardly family viewing. Even so, to put Flava on so late may negate the whole object of the exercise, which is to find a wider audience for an ignored

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6.00am GMTV (1304795) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (1408085) 9.55 Regional News (1) (5483849) 10.00 The Time, The Place (81801) 10.30 This Morning (33736608) 12.20pm Regional News (7) (6332443) 12.30 News (1) and weather (7298530)

12.55 Wish You' Were Here? (r) (7213849) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (15936172) 1.50 Shortland Street (4856795) 2.50 High Road (T) (5734356) 3.20 News (T) (5235231)

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5.10 A Country Practice (7784085) 5.40 News (T) and weather (168917) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (119424) 6,25 HTV Weather (496578) 6.30 HTV News (T) (337)

7.00 Wheel of Fortune (T) (4356)



Tracy Brabin stars (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Curly tries to make makes an unexpected appearance (T)

8.00 The Bill Croft and Skase disagree when they have to choose between investigating an assault charge and a cocaine deal (T) (3004)

8.30 Holding the Baby Gordon learns he is going to be replaced by his boss's secretary and his leyabout brother Rob faces an equally terrible problem—somebody has offered him a job (2511)

9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: May and June (2/2) As May settles into her new home it becomes clear she is replacing her sister in everyone's affections, including John's. Only Margery senses a sinister undertone (T) (5337)

10,00 News (T) and weather (61462) 10.30 FILM: Look Who's Talking (1989) with John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Olympia Dukalds, George Segal and featuring the voice of Bruce Willis. Hughly successful romantic comedy about the relationship that developes between a pregnant women, the cabble who drives her to the maternity hospital and her newborn baby, Mikey. Directed by Amy Heckerling

Mikey. Dire (58631578) 12.35em Dial L for Lurv Valentine's Day compilation of love songs leaburing videos by Marvin Gaye, Medonna and Hot Chocolate (7410554)

2.05 Club Nation (2995825) 3.05 Shift (1801196)

4.05 Dear Nick (r) (5992757) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (79080)

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4.45 Central Jobfinder '97 (8235738) WESTCOUNTRY

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2.20-3.20 Murder, She Wrote: The Return of Preston Giles starring Angels Lansbury (7882066) 5:10-5.40 Home and Away (7784085) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live presented by Alison Johns and Richard Bath (72065)

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11.15 Band X. Live performances from top regional bands Plus interviews with Cathy Dennis and Rod Argent (433996) 12.35am Diai L for Lury (7410554)

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6.00am Sesame Street (20375) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (25733) 9.00 Bewitched (r)

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9.30 Schools (T) (687849) 12.00 Bloom (r) (T) (68375) 12.30pm Here's One I Made Earlier (r) (95917) 1.00 Cybril (r) (T) (24541375) 1.25 The Scarecrow (b/w), A Buster Keaton short (15934714)

1.50 FILM: The Clock (1945, b/w) Romantic drama with Judy Garland in her first non-singing role. Directed by Vincente Minnelli (T) (18736548) 3.30 Travelling Light 7im Grundy and Peter Hamilton leave Chester for the Newton

Health Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway
Football Club, the birthplace of
Manchester United (1) (443) 4.00 Fitteen
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7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (412207) 7.55 The Political Slot An MP is given the chance to make a pertinent personal

comment (385085) 8.00 Bloom Delphiniums, Britain's rarest wildflower — the pesque flower and the humble buttercup (3/6) (T) (1646)

8.30 Brookside While love might be in the air for Ron, Mick might be applying too much pressure on Elaine. Will the much hyped café bar open on time? (T) (9563)

9.00 Dressing For Breaktast Louise learns the truth about her mother's new boyinend (8/7) (T) (2733)

9.30 Spin City Comedy series staming Michael J. Fox. Ashley is given the chance to become an on-air news reporter (T) (75153)

10.00 Rossamme A visit to a luxury health spa proves a little too much effort for Rossamne and Jackie (T) (89004)



Host Johnny Vaughan (10.30pm)

10.30 Here's Johnny New series of comedy, chart and celebrity guests hosted by Johnny Vaughan (1/7)

11.05 The Girlle Show (6/12) (151153)

11.35 TFI Friday (r) (848066) 12.40sm Robin A new animated series from Sweden — strictly for adults (8441883)

12.45 Flave (1/8) New music series (72134) 1.15 FILM: Dend of Night (1945, b/w) with Menyn Johns. Five tales of the supernatural. The directors are Alberto

Cavalcanti, Charles Crichton, Es Dearden and Robert Harner (994283) 3.10 FILM: Man in the Back Seat (1961) A thritler starring Derren Nesbitt and Keith Faulkner. Directed by Vernon Sewell (1808009)

4.10 FILM: The Legend of Hell House (1973) A supernatural horror directed by John Hough (71723680) Ends at 5.50

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Le Tissier must not carry the blame

Hoddle fails to let England in on the secret

By ROB HUGHES, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Italians have a word for what happened to England on Wednesday night: auto-lesionistico, self-wounding.
As the Italy players dined late after the I-O victory in

their World Cup group two qualifying game at Wembley, some of them still could not believe the gamesmanship attempted by Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, that had played into their hands, or England's attempts to surprise them with the maverick Le Tissier instead of flatten them with the sheer weight of power of Ferdinand, whom both feared and

respected.

If they had played Ferdinand from the start it would have given us far more problems, as everyone saw when he came on and we began to feel the effects," Zola, whose goal had proved so decisive,

Di Matteo, his Chelsea and Italy team-mate, said that the Italians had known from early in the day that England might spring Le Tissier, but had chosen to do nothing about it. And Costacurta, the AC Milan centre back who had surprised even himself with his efficiency as a libero, com-mented: "I was really sur-prised he [Hoddle] played Le lissier because somebody like lan Wright would have made it more difficult for me."

Even the visitors, then, were homing in on the national scapegoat, Le Tissier, as if he alone was responsible for a defeat so comprehensive, so total in the elements of technioue and tactics, that surely it could not have been a one-

By all accounts, Hoddle was intent yesterday on "finding the mole" who leaked his intended surprise formation. He should not waste his

Rather, England can learn, in both the short and longterm, to face realities, to appreciate that English discomfort on the ball and in new formations stems from that old familiar thing: a lack of

Graham Le Saux told it like it is as soon as he came off the field. They passed the ball better." he admitted. "They knew when to play, when to

Pearce, at 34 and with 73 caps the most experienced, as well as the oldest defender in England colours, had been negligent in allowing Zola to find the space for the goal. even if Sol Campbell, the young Tottenham Hotspur centre back, blamed himself yesterday for not covering Pearce and attempting the interception a crucial halfvard earlier.

Behind them, fan Walker had looked out of position at the vital moment. He has an

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him being there in the first place. Tony Lanighan, the Tottenham physiotherapist, subsequently confirmed a rumour that Walker had played with a pain-killing injection into an inflamed shoulder.

"He had this injury for a few weeks, but didn't tell anybody." Lanighan said. "We noticed a problem when Roberto Di Matteo scored Chelsea's second goal from long-range against us. Ian went for it with his right arm instead of the left."

Doubtless the Italians knew of this defect. Did Hoddle? One is hesitant to join in the melodrama, the Machiavellian games that a young, and hopefully still learning. England coach has indulged in this past formight. But Hoddle must not panic into joining the chorus, much of it preconceived, that isolates Le Tissier as the fulcrum of England's

Certainly the saint of Southampton did not impress. Who did? England had the appearance of the unrehearsed: injuries to key players contributed to that, but so did the strange and protracted England game

of secrecy.
Hoddle waited far too long for lame individuals. The consequence of this was that not only was the nation left essing at the Wembley lineup but so were the England

They learnt whether they ere in or out at around teatime on Tuesday. Can you imagine Brazil, Germany, Holland or Italy going into such an important international match with so little preparation?

Abroad, away from our superior island, they have long accepted that there are no secrets worth preserving, that the public has a right to knowledge of players in a public game, that practice sessions might as well be free and open. Cesare Maldini, at 65 Italy's new national coach, spoke after the victory of England attempting undered in Italy 15 to 20 years ago. the world, there is a TV set," he said. Therefore we know all of the English players, their defects and their capabilities."

It was like a tap on the shoulder to a young pretender. If Hoddle believed that Italy had taken any kind of a chance, for example in blooding Fabio Cannavaro as the marker to Alan Shearer. he is mistaken. Italy go in for continuity; Maldini Sr has for ten years taken care of the under-21 team. And so he knew Cannavaro inside out, knew that he was suited to the task. It is called professionalism and it is followed on the Continent with a longer-term strategy than in England.



Nick Price launches a drive against the backdrop of hills around Sun City in the first round of the Dimension Data Pro-Am. Report, page 50

Atherton prepares for Ashes mission

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN CHRISTCHURCH

MICHAEL ATHERTON believes that England have at last hit upon a team likely to offer continuity and consistency, qualities that have remained elusive during his time as captain. He also suggests it should be kept rer, as much as possible for the forthcoming Ashes summer.

Such confidence may seem dangerously premature after a single, overdue Test victory, but Atherton was in deter minedly upbeat mood on the eve of the final Test match against New Zealand, which began here this morning.

Contrasting sharply with his New Zealand counterpart, Lee Germon, who is assailed by criticism on all sides and faced a late fitness test on a groin injury that obliged a stand-by call to Adam Parore, Atherton emphasised his view that England have played praiseworthy Test cricket all

take no notice or simply disagree but I maintain that our Test performances have been good throughout the tour. We have had the odd poor session, though these are getting fewer and less serious, and we look well balanced. The top six is settled, giving us decent totals, and, apart from a couple of occasions, we have

The two spinners here have become a key part of our think that will remain the case this summer. I certainly believe we have the makings of a more consistent side and hope that we can now look forward to establishing that degree of continuity which makes everyone's job a bit

Although admitting that Dominic Cork has been encountering problems, Ather-ton said: "He will come good again, I'm sure of that." Cork might have benefited, yesterday, from the presence of England's bowling consultant,

aback by the severity of his

It is the heaviest suspension

handed out by the RFL disci-

plinary committee since it banned David Bradbury, the

Oldham forward, for seven months in April 1995 for a

high tackle that broke the jaw

It is likely that both clubs will be fined, in keeping with the seriousness with which the

disciplinary panel viewed Goulding's stiff-arm tackle.

Not only was the sentence

designed to curb such poten-

tially dangerous challenges in

future, members presumably

took note of the damage to the game's image caused by such

an incident in an important

match seen widely on terrestri-

Meanwhile, lestyn Harris,

Goulding's Great Britain halfback partner, has been invited

back to training by Warring-ton. Harris has been training

alone since relations between

him and the club deteriorated

and he was placed on the transfer list with a value of

EL35 million last July.

again absent and his input to this leg of the tour has been

Atherton declines, publicly at least, to look ahead so positively on a personal front but there is no doubt that he wants to retain the captaincy against Australia and no question that he will have his wish. so long as England's command of this series does not wither over the coming five

Even while his team was



Atherton: confident

was consequently under intense scrutiny, Atherton has cut a relaxed figure on this tour. He has been more comfortable than before with his tactical grip and, in Wellington, his manipulation of the game through bowling

at the new England mans ment committee, endorsed this view when he said yesterthe outset, in Wellington, that they had only one thing in their heads, and that was winning. You may say this should always be the case but too often negative thoughts-Creen in."

Bennett has spoken regularly by telephone with Atherton and the coach, David Lloyd, during the tour, and since joining the party he has had informal meetings with each of them. "It is important that I don't deflect them from the job they have to finish," he said. "I am here to observe and

month, at which the decisions included the appointment of John Barclay, manager of this tour, to chair a development committee, and the reappointment of Doug Insole, one of the establishment pillars of the English game, as chairman of the international sub-

idendiving a new chairmar of selectors remains the outstanding item on Bennett's agenda. Although the role is being deliberately downgraded in its scope - the new chairman, for instance, will defer to Bennett on disciplinary matters — its profile will remain high:

Bennett confirmed yesterday that he is open-minded about paying a salary to the successful candidate, who will be selected only after a shortlist of contenders have been interviewed early next month. Counties are free to make nominations but Bennett's committee can headhunt if they so wish. David Graveney remains a clear favourite.

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Goulding banned for two months after high tackle

THE Rugby Football League showed Bobbie Goulding no mercy yesterday. The St Hel-ens captain and Great Britain scrum half was given an eightmatch suspension for a headhigh tackle that led to his dismissal in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth round defeat of Wigan last Saturday.

St Helens are expected to appeal against the length of the ban, which means that Goulding cannot appear in the Challenge Cup again until the final, on May 3. Even if St Helens do get through three more rounds to reach Wernbley, the holders will also be without Goulding for their first five matches in the defence of their Stones Super

on which he can return is the 1993 Challenge Cup final while he was playing for Widnes, but he was taken

match at Leeds, on April 11. The severity of the sentence, which also carried a £500 fine. was a surprise. David Howes, the St Helens chief executive said: "We accept it was a high tackle, but consider there were mitigating circumstances.
"We are considering

grounds for appeal and have seven days to lodge that. It's fair to say that the club and player are devastated."
Without Goulding, 12 players still managed to beat

playmaker leaves St Helens seriously disadvantaged for Goulding has had less severe brushes with the disciplinary panel before, including a fine

of Lee Harland, of Castleford. The committee took 50 minutes to arrive at its decision. which came 24 hours after Wigan, but the loss of their Goulding had backed down on his contract dispute at St Helens and withdrew a transfer request. However, the saga does not end there for St Helens, whose officials will appear before the RFL board of directors with their counterfor misconduct during the parts form Wigan today to explain the brawling that was sparked by Goulding's tackle on Neil Cowie, the Wigan



Goulding, left, fells Cowie, of Wigan, last weekend

Brighton's appeal is rejected

BRIGHTON and Hove Albion failed yesterday with their appeal to the Football Association against a two-point pen-alty imposed after pitch invasions during their home game against Lincoln City on October I last year. After a hearing at Lancaster Gate, the FA's headquarters, an appeals board confirmed that two points would remain deducted from Brighton's total at the foot of the Nationwide League

The pitch invasions at the Goldstone Ground, involving protests against David Bellotti, the club's chief executive, and the rest of the Brighton board, took place with Brighton already under a suspended three-point deduction imposed after a match against York City was abandoned last season. Bellotti. who put the club's case yesterday, argued in vain that the punishment could influence Brighton's league survival. since they are presently three points behind next-placed Doncaster Rovers.

Southend United are expected to make an announcement today on the future of Ronnie Whelau, the first division club's manager. Whelan was suspended by the club this week after being ordered from the touchline during Southend's 30 defeat at Manchester City last weekend in an incident that led to the dismissal of his assistant. Theo Foley, and charges of misconduct against Whelan

and Foley. Patrick Kluivert is to join AC Milan from Ajax before the start of next season. The Holland striker, 20, has signed a four-year contract and Ajax will recieve no

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